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Capture hailed as triumph in hunt for terrorists

Arrested IRA men linked to troop attacks





Gerard Hanratty (top) and Terence McGeogh who is flanked by West German detectives

- **The arrest of two suspected IRA men in West Germany has been hailed as a triumph by the security forces tackling the recent outbreak of terrorism**
- **One of the suspects, Terence McGeogh, has twice been banned from entering Britian under the Prevention of Terrorism Act**
- **It is thought that they are linked with several recent attacks by an active service unit on British servicemen in West Germany, Holland and Belgium**
- **In an interview Mrs Thatcher said she was not satisfied with the operation of the Anglo-Irish agreement, saying that she wanted better border security**

By John England, Paul Vallely, Howard Foster and Stewart Tendler

Anti-terrorist experts in Britain believe the arrest in West Germany of two suspected IRA men could damage the successful IRA active service unit on the Continent.

The arrests are being hailed in London as a triumph in the hunt by four nations to find the unit which has stalked and attacked servicemen in three countries this summer.

Gerard Thomas Hanratty and Terence Gerard McGeough, both aged 29, are being linked by the West Germans to attacks which began in Holland, moved into West Germany and ended August 12 with the murder of RSM Richard Heakin, a member of the Ist Battalion, Royal Regiment of Wales.

McGoeugh was yesterday described by the security forces in Northern Ireland as a topflight IRA terrorist trained by the Libyans and known to have travelled widely. He is wanted in the province for attempted murder.

As the German effort won praise, Mrs Margaret Thatcherexpressed her dissatisfaction with the operation of the Anglo-Irish agreement. She wanted better cross-border security co-operation in the fight against terrorism.

German security officials believe a revolver taken from one of the men may prove to be the weapon used by two men to kill RSM Heakin and ballistics tests are to be carried out with information supplied by the Belgians.

Yesterday the Federal Prosecutor's office also linked a rifle found with the men to the Roermond and Duisburg attacks.

Information from the car in which the men were driving and their personal belongings may give police clues to the safe houses used by the active service unit and their travels in recent months.

The men were held driving from Holland into West Germany with a car hired from Mainz, West Germany, by a lone Customs officer. The two were studying a map.

Unknown to the officer a handgun was hidden under the front seat of the car as he approached it but the men chose not to open fire.

The Peugoet car was found to hold three Webley revolvers and two Kalashnikov AK47 assault rifles. Police will try to discover whether Holland has been used as the men's base or if they have been living in West Germany and crossing into the Low Countries to mount some of their attacks or retrieve the weapons from an arsenal.

The hire car was rented last Monday and police must piece together the missing two days when the car and its passengers vanished until the time they crossed into Germany on a lonely border road on Wednesday.

Hiring the car may have been the prelude to a new attack which was never launched and other members of the IRA may have awaiting delivery of the guns.

West German investigators have been joined by two Scotland Yard detectives, one from Special Branch and one from the Anti-Terrorist Branch, and investigators from Holland and Belgium.

So far there are no plans for extradition from West Germany but the British detectives, liasing with the Royal Ulster Constabulary, will be keen to find any links to the bombing at Inglis Barracks, north London, in which one soldier was killed.

The IRA attacks in Europe began on May 1 when three offduty RAF men were killed in two attacks, by car bomb and gun, within hours at Roermond and Niuew Bergen in Holland. Two days later a bomb was defused outside the oficers' mess at Rippon Barracks, Bielefeld.

Nine soldiers were injured on July 13 by a bomb at Glamorgan Barracks at Duisburg, West Germany, and on August 5 another bomb exploded at Roy Barracks, Ratingen, in West Germany.

The European attacks began

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Security forces in Northern Ireland are determined to stop this week's showpiece funerals of the three IRA gunmen shot dead in an SAS ambush on Tuesday from being turned into a propaganda exercise. There is expected to be a heavy police presence to prevent any show of paramilitary force.

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Soviet soldiers die and planes are wrecked in raid on Kabul

By Edward Gorman, and A Correspondent in Moscow

A co-ordinated rocket attack by Mujahidin resistance fighters on the Afghan capital Kabul and ammunition dumps at its airport yesterday caused "massive" damage according to Western diplomats based in Islamabad.

Tass said that two Soviet soldiers were killed, several planes damaged and buildings destroyed.

The attack came as Soviet and American officials began talks in Moscow aimed at thrashing out mutual accusations over violations of the Geneva accords under which Soviet troops are withdrawing from Afghanistan.

Quoting colleagues in Kabul, the diplomats said that ground-to-ground rockets began raining down on the airport shortly before 3 pm from hills to the south-east. The rockets hit a supply area north of the main runway, and 15 minutes later fires were out of control as secondary explosions began to be heard.

The diplomats said there was a massive explosion at 3.30 pm which sent a plume of grey smoke towering over the capital, and fires and minor explosions continued late into the afternoon.

Kabul airport is the main base for hundreds of Soviet and Afghan air force fighters, bombers and transport planes operating throughout the country, and it seems certain that the Mujahidin had succeeded in hitting a central ammunition dump, destroying several planes.

"What we have been told is that some aircraft were destroyed but how many I don't know," said one diplomat in Islamabad. "It blew the guts out of the place," he added.

The diplomats said that rockets fell in other parts of the city during the afternoon as the airport attack continued. Areas hit included the Mikrorayon residential district where Afghan Communist Party officials live, and the Airport Circle district close to the US Embassy.

Tass reported: "Today elements of the irreconcilable opposition carried out massive shelling of ... Kabul International Airport using surface-to-surface missiles. "As a result of this barbarous action, storage facilities and transport planes were damaged. Some shells fell in residential areas of the Afghan capital. Special detachments ... succeeded in extinguishing fires which broke out."

Although the military effect of the attack was impossible to gauge last night, it is expected that it will have a profound psychological advantage impact on the shaky Kabul regime, which has suffered a series of defeats since Soviet troops began withdrawing.

At least two Soviet soldiers died in an earlier attack on Kabul airport on Saturday. Diplomats in Islamabad said the guerrillas had blasted the airport with more than 20 rockets in that attack and damaged a main runway.

Meanwhile in Moscow, talks between US Under-Secretary of State, Mr Michael Armacost and Soviet First Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Yuli Vorontsov, started yesterday after the Soviet Union admitted for the first time that Soviet military aircraft had been sent into Afghanistan this week to back Afghan

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Prescott forecasts rebuff for Kinnock

Rees scorns 'incompetent Labour'

**By Sheila Gunn
Political Staff**

Mr Neil Kinnock suffered a double blow to his leadership last night as doubts were voiced by a former Cabinet minister over the chances of the Labour Party ever again winning a general election.

The attack made by Mr Merlyn Rees, former Home Secretary, was coupled with growing indications that trade union support could lead to Mr John Prescott defeating Mr Roy Hattersley in the deputy leadership contest.

Success for Mr Prescott would be a substantial rebuff for the Labour leader who has stated that he regards the re-election of Mr Hattersley as a vote of confidence in himself.

Mr Rees, a right-winger, yesterday described the party as "politically incompetent" and said that in nine years of opposition the party had not put itself in a position where people would trust it.

He is proposing to expand on his criticism when speaking to his constituents in Morley and South Leeds tonight.

He said: "In some parts of the country local parties have come to accept that they will never win and treat the electorate as if they do not matter.

"It is time now for us in the Labour Party to pull ourselves together and get the confidence of the electorate.

"We need relevant policies but we must have standards — both political standards and of behaviour."

His criticism will send a clear signal to Mr Kinnock that supporters in different factions now believe that, in its present shape, the party cannot win power in the next general election.

Mr Robin Cook, campaign manager for Mr Kinnock in the leadership contest, has already cast doubts on the ability of the party to win an overall majority in Parliament in one bound.

To add to Mr Kinnock's troubles Mr Prescott, Shadow energy secretary, who is fighting for the deputy leadership with Mr Hattersley and Mr Eric Heffer, yesterday produced an analysis of the result based on the voting intentions disclosed so far.

He predicts none of the deputy leadership candidates will win outright in the first ballot when the result is announced on October 2 during the party's annual conference in Blackpool.

The result could hinge on the votes of the Transport and General Workers' Union (TGWU), which has the biggest block vote in the party and is Mr Kinnock's own union, and the National Union of Public Employees (Nupe). There are indications that the TGWU is likely to pin its colours to a Kinnock/Prescott result.

"In the unions there is a great demand for change and a great movement in the last month shifting to us", Mr Prescott said.

"There is a great swell of support for us. I would be able to relieve Mr Kinnock of some of the strain so he could concentrate on work in the Commons and I could get out and about and turn us into a mass party once again."

Mr Cook said that parts of Mr Prescott's analysis were "fantasy" and welcomed the Energy spokesman's concession of defeat in two out of the three sections of the electoral college.

TOMORROW

Saturday best

- From tomorrow, The Times takes on a new and colourful Saturday look. Details, page 3

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- There was one winner of yesterday's £4,000 daily prize (see page 3), so the Portfolio Accumulator stands at £182,000.

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Ranks Hovis escapes bidder

Ranks Hovis McDougall, maker of Hovis bread and Bisto gravy, has escaped the clutches of Goodman Fielder Wattie, the Australian food group, but may still be the target for another hostile bid. GFW yesterday abandoned its £1.7 billion offer after a monopolies reference. Page 19

Maharajah dies

Lieutenant Colonel Fatesinghrao Gaekwad, the former Maharajah of Baroda and, reputedly one of the world's richest men, died in Bombay yesterday... Obituary, page 12

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Coach 'misled girl on swim distance'

By David Cross, London, and Susan MacDonald, Boulogne

A swimming trainer blamed for the death of a cross-Channel swimmer is today expected to be asked by a French examining magistrate whether she refused to end the swim because of a lucrative advertising contract she had with a credit card company.

M Vogel Weith, who is in charge of the case in Boulogne-sur-Mer, will also want to know why the coach held up a sign stating that the boat was two kilometers (about one mile) from the French coast when instead it was reportedly 10 kilometers away.

Senhora Judith Russo, the Brazilian trainer of Senhora Renata Agondi, aged 25, who died during a bid to beat the Brazilian record for swimming the Channel 10 days ago, has been charged with "failing to assist a person in danger". Under French law this carries a prison sentence of between two and five years on conviction. Senhora Russo is on bail of 300,000 francs (about £27,000).

Mr Colin Cook, the captain of the Hilda May, the fishing boat which was accompanying Senhora Agondi on her swim, his mate, Mr Graham Featherbe, both from Folkestone,

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Senhora Agondi

Christ film not to be prosecuted

By Andrew Billen

The Director of Public Prosecutions has decided not to launch a prosecution for blasphemous libel against *The Last Temptation of Christ*, which is to be released in Britain next week on an 18 certificate.

Mr Allan Green, QC, the DPP, said yesterday that he had now seen the Martin Scorcese film and concluded that showing it to people aged 18 and over would not be against the criminal law.

Mrs Mary Whitehouse, who earlier this week dropped plans for a private prosecution, responded by saying she would be stepping up her campaign for people to lobby local authorities to refuse to grant local licences.

There is a scene in the film in which Christ fantasizes about making love to Mary Magdalene.

EEC farm policy 'hits food prices'

By Nicholas Wood and Michael Dynes

The EEC's Common Agricultural policy is a dinosaur which is adding £13.50 a week to the food bill of the average British family, the National Consumer Council said yesterday.

In a 300-page report which was commissioned by Lord Young, the Secretary of State for Employment, the council said the CAP acted against the interests of consumers throughout the EEC. It grossly overcharged them for food, reduced quality, ignored modern nutritional advice and contributed to environmental damage.

The council, which wants a far-reaching overhaul of the £18 billion a year price-support system, said it also fuelled inflation and pushed up land prices. The CAP produced all these ill effects without bringing appreciable benefits to any but the biggest farmers.

Last night the British Government robustly defended its approach towards reform of the CAP, which the report criticized as too little, too late.

The NCC, the Government's consumer watchdog, struck a highly sceptical note about the value of the deal struck in February at the stormy Common Market summit when EEC leaders agreed a package of measures — primarily fines on overproduction — designed to rein in soaring spending.

It is "not clear" that stabilizers will be enough to bring CAP costs under control, according to the NCP.

Mr John MacGregor, the Minister for Agriculture, insisted that the reforms were already beginning to work.

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£30,000 discounts as property boom goes flat

**By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent**

The property boom is over. Discounts of between £20,000 and £30,000 are being offered on flats and houses in London's Docklands, house sales have slowed down markedly, and estate agents are now suggesting to buyers that they "make an offer".

August, traditionally "a wicked month" for house sales because many Britons go on holiday, was made much worse this year by the ending of multiple mortgage tax relief for buyers on July 31.

The increase in mortgage rates, with the likelihood of further rises, has completed the picture. Building societies say the mortgage market is now very depressed, with demand having dropped by a third.

Although no estate agent will admit it, the word in London is that at least one agency failed to sell a single property in the capital last month.

Mr Stefan Miles-Brown, of Knight Frank & Rutley's London docklands office, said the ending of multiple tax relief "neatly wrapped up" the lower end of the market, which dried up completely in August.

"I think the testing time will come in September and October. The increase in interest rates in August has affected people's confidence and they are waiting to see what will happen."

He said developers were not prepared to reduce prices in docklands, but "either overtly or covertly" they were offering incentives or discounts adding up to between £20,000 to £30,000 for properties in the £200,000-£400,000 price range.

The First-time Homebuyers Advisory Service, which was indundated with custom before the end of multiple tax relief, had a "very quiet August".

"It is now a buyers' market, and they can negotiate a couple of thousand pounds off the asking price", a spokeswoman said.

Folkard & Hayward, agents in Islington, admitted that the market was "very, very slow", but said several properties had been sold in August.

"Prices are not going down, but they are undoubtedly levelling out.

Commenting on fears that prices might actually fall because of the abolition of multiple tax relief and higher interest rates, Mr Ashley King, sales director of Ellis & Co, said: "August is not a good time to try to analyse the property market.

"The summer holiday period is always a quieter time of the year. Interest rates have risen sharply in the past 10 weeks and are unlikely to fall before spring next year. We may well see mortgage rates hitting 13 or even 14 per cent.

"There will be an effect on the market, with more of an impact on first-time buyers who not only have to bear high interest rates but have also lost the benefit of dual tax relief", he said.

Ellis & Co anticipates a levelling-off and stabilizing effect on prices, not a dramatic fall.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

France says no to toxic waste ship

The Karin B, the German-registered container ship carrying 2,000 tons of unstable toxic waste, was yesterday refused permission to enter French waters after sailing from its position 20 miles off Plymouth. French officials in Jobourg *last night said the ship was anchored 13 miles off the French* coast at Le Havre.

They said a French warship and towing barge had kept the Karin B under surveillance since it left British waters on Wednesday and any attempt by it to enter French waters would be resisted by force. A request by Mr Richard Hinterleitner, the ship's captain, to dock and unload his cargo at Le Havre was refused. A second request to enter Rotterdam was also unsuccessful. The Karin B's cargo, originally from Italy, was dumped illegally in Nigeria, then removed in two shiploads by contractors for Italian authorities.

Girl swept to death

The toll from heavy rain and strong winds lashing the south coast and Wales yesterday included a school girl swept to her death, two men missing in heavy seas, passengers in a hovercraft stranded in the Channel, power lines brought down and many roads made impassable. Nicola Paddock, aged 14, of Shrewsbury, died when she fell into the River Vyrnwy, near Welshpool, Powys. In Cornwall, coastguards searched for Mr Alistair Hawke, aged 47, an angler, swept into the sea near Newquay.

Kosher trial halted

The trial of David Zeital, a company director, of Stanmore, north-west London, accused of blackmailing Mr Bernard Aidallbery, a fellow businessman, to withdraw his bid for a kosher catering franchise for a synagogue, was interrupted at the Central Criminal Court yesterday by defence submissions. The jury was asked to retire while Mr Recorder D J Cocks, QC, considered the matter. Mr Zeital denies blackmail. The hearing continues today.

Young chess winners

Michael Adams, aged 16, from Truro, Cornwall, fresh from his triumph in last week's Lloyds Bank chess tournament, won his first round game yesterday against Julian Hodgson, from London, the experienced international, in the King's Head grandmaster tournament in Bayswater, west London. Another success for a young British player was the win by David Norwood, of Keble College, Oxford, against Sergei Kudrin, the grandmaster from the United States.

Gas used in bombing

A highly sophisticated remote control bomb was used to blow up a £289,000 home in a Green Belt village, police disclosed yesterday. "It was triggered by a wire which operated a toggle-switch to light a bulb. This heated up the explosive gas to create a devastating and potentially lethal blast", detectives said. The bomber who struck nearly two weeks ago must have taken cover at least 100 yards from the newly-built house, which was at the centre of a planning dispute in Barling Magna, near Southend, Essex.

Home head resigns

The officer in charge of a Birmingham childrens' home resigned and one of his senior assistants was dismissed amid allegations of sexual abuse, it was confirmed yesterday. The man in charge of the South View home, who has not been named, was suspended last October after it was alleged he had sexual intercourse with a girl over 16 at the home. After an investigation by Birmingham's Social Services department, the man resigned. Investigations continued and a senior member of staff was later dismissed.

Fowler warns TUC over training

By John Spicer and Tim Jones

Mr Norman Fowler yesterday warned the TUC that rejection of the Government's new £1.4 billion employment training programme would be indefensible.

Last night Mr Norman Willis, the TUC general secretary, predicted that the union movement would not vote to boycott the £1.5 billion training programme.

The Secretary of State for Employment used the official launch of the scheme in London to tell unions that opposition to the programme would do more damage to them than it would to the Government.

He said that the world's biggest and most ambitious programme to retrain the long-term unemployed would go ahead even if the unions rejected it at the TUC conference in Bournemouth next week.

He made it clear that if the unions decided to boycott Employment Training they would be frozen out of the Training Commission. Mr Fowler said it would be an "altogether retrograde step" for the unions not to support the scheme.

He pointed out that the TUC representatives on the old Manpower Services Commission (renamed the Training Commission) had helped to design employment training scheme and had been among those who unanimously supported the concept and recommended it to the TUC General Council, which had given it conditional approval.

Mr Fowler said: "I hope the unions will think very seriously indeed before they consider a boycott. Such a move would be widely condemned".

Mr Fowler promised that the Government was not intending to introduce a "workfare" scheme in Britain, which would force unemployed people to work for their benefits. Employment training would be voluntary.

Employers wanted it that way, the unions wanted it and the Government wanted it, he said.

However, Mr Fowler refused to state that the scheme would remain non-compulsory for the life-time of this Parliament. He told a questioner that he had refused to put such an "artificial time limit" on any guarantee that it would remain voluntary.

He dismissed accusations from Labour politicians that the employment training scheme was designed to provide cheap labour.

It is designed to provide training for 600,000 long-term unemployed people a year.

Mr Willis's announcement came as the general council, meeting in Bournemouth, voted by a narrow majority to support a motion in favour of the scheme.

Mr Willis said the majority of trade union general secretaries believed there was something in this argument and that despite their reservations about the programme, the fact was this was "the only employment training programme in town."

● A left-led plan to reduce the power of moderate unions on the TUC General Council was heavily defeated.

Left-wing members of the general council combined with moderates to reject the proposal by 36 votes to seven when it became clear that some of their seats could also be at risk.

The left caucus on the general council was said to be furious by the "sloppy" wording of the motion put forward by the Manufacturing, Science and Finance Union, whose general secretary, Mr Clive Jenkins, is chairman of this year's congress.

His union's motion said that there should be one general council place for every 250,000 affiliated members.

Travellers face delays at Luton

By Mark Ellis

Travellers using Luton Airport could face delays from today after baggage handlers voted to ban overtime in a dispute over plans to sell 51 per cent of the airport, owned by Luton Borough Council, to private enterprise.

The workers, who belong to the National and Local Government Officers' Association (Nalgo), voted 131 to 15 in favour of industrial action unless they are given assurances by management about future employment at the airport.

Mr George Moore, a Nalgo spokesman, said: "The action is a result of the uncertainty the airport staff feel.

"We are worried about our conditions of service."

A management spokesman said he did not wish to comment as talks were being held to avert the dispute.

Birmingham: British Airways *from Cologne due at 4.40pm* arrived at 5.45pm. Lufthansa from Frankfurt due at 5.20pm arrived at 6.10pm. Lufthansa departure for Frankfurt at 6pm delayed until at 6.45pm. **Newcastle:** Paramount from Thessalonika due at 3.05pm arrived at 4.05pm.

FLIGHTCHECK



From public house to primary school



Some of the 18 schoolchildren who attended classes in a public house in Dewsbury, West Yorkshire, for the past year, arriving at Overthorpe school yesterday. Their parents won a High Court battle with Kirklees education authority for the children to go to Overthorpe instead of Headfield School, which mainly has Asian pupils. They denied it was a racial issue.

Postal union in plea for fresh talks

By Roland Rudd and John Spicer

Leaders of the postal workers say there will be no more industrial action until they hear from the chairman of the Post Office about their dispute over bonus payments to new recruits.

Mr Alan Tuffin, general secretary of the Union of Communication Workers, has written to Sir Bryan Nicholson, the chairman of the Post Office, asking for a meeting to discuss the dispute, which brought the postal service to a virtual standstill on Wednesday.

Mr Tuffin said he was asking for an assurance from Sir Bryan that "there are no preconditions" to future talks about the bonuses, which are being offered in certain areas to aid recruitment.

Mr Tuffin was speaking in Bournemouth, the scene of next week's TUC conference, after he and other union officials had assessed the strike, which they claimed had gained the support of 97 per cent of their members.

"We have suspended any further industrial action to await the chairman's response. I have told him I am available at any time, day or night, to deal with the situation," he said.

Last night a spokesman for the Post Office said it welcomed Mr Tuffin's response however it appeared that the union had not altered its position on the central issue.

Poll tax officers can levy fines

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

New rules for the poll tax set out yesterday by the Department of the Environment show for the first time how powerful community charge registration officers are going to be.

According to the document, registration officers, who will compile lists of those due to pay the new tax, can levy fines of £50 in the first instance on those who refuse to provide information or who give false names and addresses. Repeat offenders will be fined £200, with the threat that if they do not pay they will be jailed.

The new rules make it clear that anyone making social security claims will automatically have their names and addresses forwarded to the registration officer by the Department of Social Security's local offices. Universities and colleges will also be compelled to hand over lists of their students.

The document, being circulated to town halls, is not conclusive, the Government says. In a carefully worded disclaimer, the Department of the Environment says the rules have been drawn up with the "co-operation" of county, district and metropolitan borough associations. However, "their co-operation does not signify any change in individual associations' positions in relation to the new system of local government finance".

By law, the registration officer will be empowered to demand information from a variety of sources. He will:

● Name a particular individual in each household on whom there will be a legal obligation to supply the names of everyone resident there.

● Make the registrar of each university or college legally obliged to provide the names and addresses of all students.

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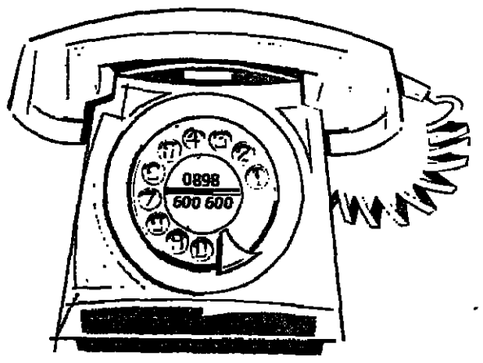
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Pragmatic pupils aspire to professions and big business

Young set on high-earning careers

By David Nicholson-Lord

Britain is breeding a generation of agnostics and pragmatists, most of whom want to be businessmen, care little for religion and expect to earn up to £30,000 a year by the time they are 30. One of their few concessions to fantasy is the belief that their favourite television series, BBC 1's impenetrable *Neighbours*, represents real life.

Today's younger teenagers "have got their heads screwed on", Mr Neil Swan, associate director of The Research Business, said yesterday when disclosing the findings of a survey of 3,000 young people aged 11 to 15, out of 13,000 who answered a questionnaire, commissioned by Barclays Bank. Mr John Davies, marketing director of Barclays personal sector, added: "They appear to have their feet firmly planted on the ground. Maybe we are all growing up too soon."

The survey, said to be the largest of its type, is part of the bank's drive to encourage a sense of financial probity among its one million customers aged under 15, some of them as young as seven and many with £30-a-day cash cards.

It reveals that most boys want to be managers, businessmen, engineers, lawyers and doctors. Only 3 per cent want to teach. Girls broadly shared these ambitions, with the exception that teaching and nursing come top of their lists.

Two-thirds expect to be married with children by the time they are 30, when the majority, girls included, expect to be earning at least £20,000, and almost one-quarter think they will top the £30,000-mark. They believe that health, security and enjoyable work are what make people happy.

The boys' recipe for an ideal evening, meanwhile, is a "quiet night by the telly with my partner", presumably watching *Neighbours*. Although overwhelmingly the favourite programme, its popularity declined amongst the older children. Girls, however, preferred to go out.

Cruelty to animals ranked highest amongst issues the teenagers felt strongly about, followed by education, famine, racial disrimination, unemployment, nuclear war and pollution. Only 14 per cent cared greatly about religion, which was bottom of the list of concerns. The survey found that 35 per cent of boys and 29 per cent of girls did not care about religion at all.

Leading the ranks of heroes and heroines are, for girls, Madonna and Anneka Rice and, for boys, Daley Thompson and Eddie Murphy. Margaret Thatcher comes halfway down the girls' list, below figures like Joan Collins, Samantha Fox and the fictional Mary-Beth Lacey of *Cagney and Lacey*.

Careers and more efficient methods of study were the subjects teenagers would most like to know more about. Next in order came boy friend and girl friend troubles, dealing with difficult feelings and understanding other people.

The most popular home, for both boys and girls, is a house in a small town, cited by 39 per cent of respondents.

Almost half the teenagers said their relationships, followed by their job, would matter most when they were 30. "Having fun" was cited by 23 per cent and only 12 per cent wanted freedom.

Expectations of being married with children at 30 also declined with age, from 70 per cent at the younger end to 62 per cent among those aged 15 and 16. One-fifth of the children did not expect to marry.

Qualities valued in the opposite sex were, above all, good looks, with "understanding" second. Honesty, loyalty and warmth also figured highly.

Neither sex particularly wants their partners to be forceful, creative, independent or ambitious. "Being famous" is ranked lowest of seven qualities of life.

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Tomorrow, and every Saturday, The Times *will be different: in four sections — News, Money, Review and Sport — with full colour in each.*

In the first section, the news pages will be followed by Owen Hickey's view of blasphemy and The Last Temptation of Jesus Christ, Simon Barnes's sporting diary, the leaders, letters to the Editor, the court and social page, the weather and the Times *crossword.*

Money, the second section, includes the personal finance pages and features an investigation of the loan sharks who prey on the casualties of Britain's credit boom, plus Woolworths' Geoffrey Mulcahy writing on how his company was turned round.

Review, the third section, presents the first extract from Desmond Morris's new book on modern man's undimmed tribal instincts, plus Bernard Levin's report from the Wagner festival in Bayreuth. The regular columnists include Jonathan Meades on restaurants, Frances Bissell on cooking and Jane MacQuitty on drink. Sheridan Morley meets Mickey Rooney in the Saturday arts interview. Martin Cropper looks at the Saatchi brothers on the new weekend books page, and the records page features rock, opera, jazz and choral music. In the travel pages, Bryan Appleyard visits Kenya and Robin Neillands discovers ancient France.

Finally, Sport focuses on tomorrow's NatWest cricket final at Lord's, with profiles of Graeme Hick by Alan Lee and Mike Gatting by John Woodcock, plus a full preview of the weekend's events. Read Paul Gallico's classic essay on the changing face of sport, and a new Outdoor Leisure feature which includes walking, hang-gliding and cycling. The section ends with Francesca Greenoak on gardening, Raymond Keene on chess, Jeremy Flint on bridge, and property special on how architects and designers choose to live.



42 years' jail for the ageing 'wild bunch'

Three armed robbers known as "the wild bunch" were jailed for a total of 42 years at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Their leader, Arthur Saunders, aged 51, a grandfather, lived luxuriously in a £70 a night room in the Post House Hotel in Hampstead, north-west London, where he planned the armed hold-ups. He was jailed for 16 years.

Charles Tozer, aged 35, a former amateur boxing champion of Torriano Avenue, Kentish Town, north London, was jailed for 15 years, and James Hampton, aged 53, also a grandfather, of Maple Close, Stoke Newington, north London, for 11 years.

Paul Cassidy, aged 37, of Crossley Street, Islington, was acquitted of taking part in the robbery plot. He had earlier admitted stealing cars for the gang and was jailed for 21 months.

The jury took more than 13 hours to reach their verdicts. Saunders and Tozer were found guilty of robbery, two charges of conspiracy to rob and possessing firearms with intent to rob.

Hampton was found guilty of two charges of conspiracy to rob and possessing firearms with intent.

Judge Lymbery, QC, said that the robberies were carefully planned and professionally executed.One of *the grave features of the case* was the "quantity and type of weapons used", he continued.

He said that the magnum revolver carried by Tozer was the most powerful handgun in the world.

The .22 pistol brandished by Hampton was an American military weapon and was lethal at a mile range. "I have no doubt that you would have resorted to extreme measures if any guard or member of the public had intervened", the judge said.

He added that the men had used "every tactic" possible to escape justice during the trial and he felt that there was no mitigation they could put forward in their defence.

He commended the police for their expertise, which was "quite magnificent". The judge also praised the courage of the flying squad officers who arrested the dangerous armed men.

But the gang of ageing bandits, who robbed to pay for their sunshine retirement in Spain, took with them to jail a £1 million secret. Only they know what happened to the money they stole in a series of daring, ruthlessly executed, armed raids.

They were caught after flying squad detectives mounted an operation after a string of robberies which all bore the hallmark of the "wild bunch".

For three months more than 20 officers kept the robbers under surveillance before catching them red-handed as they were about to pull off a raid on a security van in Baker Street, London, in February last year. They always dressed smartly in suits and and never looked out of place in smart London streets. But at a given signal they donned wigs and masks.

Then, brandishing a frightening array of high calibre weapons, they attacked. *The robbers enjoyed the high* life, drove expensive cars and lived luxuriously. After a £15,000 raid on a Group 4 security van outside the National Westminster bank in Aldwych, central London, on November 19, 1986, Saunders threw a £600 party the next day at his hotel.

Nine days later the robbers struck again. They escaped with £100,000 from a Group 4 security vehicle in Sloane Street, London.

Stars link up to sing freedom



The line-up for Amnesty International's "Human Rights Now!" global concert tour, starting today at Wembley Stadium. From left, Youssou N'Dour, Peter Gabriel, Bruce Springsteen, Tracey Chapman, and Sting (Photograph: Mark Pepper).

Burglar raided his potential defenders

By David Nicholson-Lord

An issue of some professional delicacy faced barristers asked to take up the case of William Harvie. Most of them were *his victims.*

So thoroughly had Harvie robbed chambers in the Inns of Court that many lawyers were effectively disqualified from his trial. Police experienced great difficulties in finding unburgled counsel.

Mr Dermot Main Thompson, from Mr Michael West's chambers in the relatively unrobbed Gray's Inn - The Temple was Harvie's favourite - prosecuted yesterday. "Thankfully we escaped his attention," he told the Central Criminal Court.

Harvie, aged 32, of Kennington, south London, based his specialty on a record of crime stretching back to 1971, which gave him ample first-hand experience of criminal barristers' offices in the Inns of Court and their apparently lax security. He had also worked there as a maintenance man.

He climbed up drainpipes to raid more than 50 chambers, many of which remained unaware that anything was missing.Yesterday he admitted six burglaries, one attempt and obtaining by deception, and asked for 56 offences to be taken into consideration. He was jailed for seven years.

Harvie had been on two main burglary sprees to finance a £300 a week heroin addiction. The first started in the summer of last year. He was caught when he left a personal diary and an address book in an office he had entered.

After his arrest he was "surprisingly" granted bail, Mr Thompson said, and immediately started a second spree. He returned to his previous haunts in the Temple, Lincoln's Inn and Gray's Inn and was arrested after police, who had mounted a three-week surveillance operation, filmed him climbing a drainpipe.

Items stolen included a bar of chocolate, cash and office equipment from Mr David Latham, the courtroom gown of Mr Peter Testar, krugerrands and gold coins worth £2,500 from Mr Mark Platts-Mills and drink and cigars from Mr Michael Sternberg.

Portfolio PLUS NEW *Accumulator*

A woman from East Anglia won £4,000 in *The Times* Portfolio competition yesterday. Mrs J M Herrema of Fieldside, Ely, Cambridgeshire, was the sole claimant for the prize.

BBC child abuser jailed

A leading BBC radio producer and winner of the Prix D'Italia was sentenced to two years' jail yesterday for sexually abusing a boy aged 12.

Brian Miller, aged 47, admitted indecently assaulting the boy, a carol singer, between December 1987 and March this year.

He and a friend, Terrence Waters, took an indecent photograph of the boy and warned him not to tell his foster parents, Bristol Crown Court was told.

However, police were alerted and when officers visited Miller's home in Bedminster, Bristol, they found 6,000 negatives of young boys.

Waters was jailed for five years at Guildford Crown Court, Kent, in April after admitting sexual offences.

Vaccine to eliminate measles

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

Measles, mumps and rubella (German measles) should be eradicated within 10 years from the start next month of a new immunization programme by the Department of Health.

This comes after successful trials with a new triple vaccine against the three diseases, with which 7,000 children in Fife and 2,000 in north Hertfordshire have been inoculated.

Dr Drew Walker, community medicine specialist to the Fife Health Board, said at the Royal Society of Medicine in London yesterday that the Department of Health had targeted children in two age groups: babies between one and two years and infants from four to five who were ready for their pre-school diptheria, tetanus and polio boosters. About half a million children in each group would be suitable for the new triple vaccination.

The Department of Health also intends immunization with the existing single rubella vaccine to continue for girls aged 11 to 14 and for non-immune women, until the disease is eradicated.

The decision to wipe out those three scourges and end the dangers to babies in early pregnancy from rubella, and the complications of deafness, brain damage and even death from measles, is the biggest change in immunization policy in Britain for 20 years.

Dr Walter said eradication depended on immunizing more than 70 per cent of the target population; the Fife trials had exceeded 90 per cent.

The national campaign in Britain is co-ordinated by the North East Thames Regional Health Authority, which will distribute the triple vaccine, called Pluserix, to the 250 area centres.

Tourist boom

Record 15m bring in £6bn

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

Britain was the world's fifth most popular tourist destination last year, for the second year running, attracting more than 15 million visitors who spent £6 billion.

By 1994, according to the British Tourist Authority yesterday, tourism could be worth more than £23 billion.

If the trend continues Britain could soon become the fourth most popular destination, overtaking France, according to the authority.

Last year's figures showed that visitors from Japan, Greece, Italy and Spain were significantly up on the previous year, with a 45 per cent increase in the number coming from Japan alone. Overall Britain earned more from international tourism than Greece, Turkey, Australia and Yugoslavia combined.

Only Latin Americans and the Danes showed a declining enthusiasm to visit Britain, with the number of visitors from Latin America dropping by 11 per cent and the number of Danish tourists down by 3 per cent.

The number of North American visitors in June 1988 dropped by 6 per cent, compared with June last year, although in 1987, 19 per cent more North Americans travelled to Britain.

Mr Giles Shepard, managing director of the Savoy Hotel Group, which includes the Lygon Arms in Broadway, Worcestershire, and Claridges in London, said a marked decrease in the number of American visitors had been noticed this summer, but the parlous state of the pound had not deterred wealthy Americans.

"We have seen a marked increase in the number of Japanese in London as they travel more due to the strength of the yen".

The overall total of 15.4 million visitors in 1987 represented a 11 per cent increase on 1986 and the £6.2 billion they spent was 12 per cent up.

The continuing trend is reflected in the authority's figures for June, which showed that the number of overseas visitors to the UK in June 1988 was up 6 per cent on June 1987 and totalled 1,510,000, according to the *Department of Employment.*

In the first half of this year there were 6.8 million visits to the UK by overseas residents, 2 per cent more than in the first half of 1987.

Mr Michael Medlicott, the authority's chief executive, presenting its annual report, said Britain had not put "all its eggs in one basket" when it came to tourism.

He said: "The North American market is now expected to show only a small increase on last year but visits from the rest of the world continue to grow so that overall 1988 will be at least as good as 1987."

Airline passengers were yesterday warned to avoid being vague when booking a ticket to prevent being "exploited" by travel agents using the new computer reservation systems and choosing a particular airline. The Consumers Association magazine, *Which?*, advises travellers: "To be certain that the travel agent's computer is not misleading, you should be as definite as you can about requirements, specify a departure time, ask for the quickest possible flight or the cheapest fare, and say which airline you want to fly with".

Discount lure worries heads

By David Tytler, Education Editor

Head teachers are concerned that travel companies are persuading parents to take their children away from school by offering cut-price foreign holidays in term time.

One offer could mean that 100,000 children will take European holidays costing only £1.

The country's biggest tour operator, Thomson Holidays, confirmed that the offer, aimed at families, was designed to fill hotels in the quiet months of April, May, June, September and October, and had been sold out.

With record numbers of families booking their holidays in school time, Mr Douglas Goodman, for Thomson, said: "We do not believe that parents should actively keep their children away from school.

"On the other hand, we believe the value and benefits to children of travelling abroad must be balanced against the loss of education for a week".

This week's *Times Educational Supplement* claims that several heads and senior education officers have confirmed that growing numbers of children failed to turn up at the start of the school year because of family holidays.

Mr Terry Collett, head of Brooksward County Middle School, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, said that he was concerned when companies encouraged more parents to take term-time holidays.

Another head of a junior school, in Basildon, Essex, said: "It is a particularly critical time when we are starting off with new books and new ideas. We have long breaks in order to accommodate parents and yet they still cannot fit their holidays in."

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European 'dinosaur' must change, says report

Farm policy 'is putting £13.50 on food bills'

By Nicholas Wood
Political Correspondent

The average family of four is paying £13.50 extra a week for its food because of the "dinosaur" of Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), the National Consumer Council says.

In a 300-page report yesterday, the council condemned the £18 billion-a-year system of price support on all counts, urging ministers to institute a far-reaching overhaul of its operation.

The report said CAP acted against the interests of consumers in Britain and throughout the EEC, grossly overcharging them for food and reducing choice.

The system lowered the quality of food, disregarded modern nutritional advice and contributed to environmental damage, the report said.

It also fuelled inflation, pushing up land prices. Administering the pricing mechanism had led to a system of unbelievable complexity, in which fraud was all too easy.

The council said CAP had produced those ill-effects without bringing appreciable benefits to any but the biggest farmers. It was extremely wasteful, with only two-thirds of the money paid by consumers and taxpayers actually reaching farmers.

The report, commissioned by Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, also criticized the system of spending controls agreed by EEC leaders in February, dismissing them as too little, too late.

Budgetary stabilizers — fines on over-production — might not be sufficient to bring spending under control.

"Many experts have told us that all that is needed is 'one good harvest' and the new budget ceiling will be breached", the report said.

It urged the Government to demand a reduction in price support for farmers until food supplies matched demand. Market prices should be allowed to determine food prices again, without minimum payments being guaranteed even in the event of a glut.

Farmers' living standards should be protected through a system of income support channelled through grants rather than artificially high prices, the report concluded.

Mrs Sally Oppenheim-Barnes, chairman of the consumer council, said the CAP looked like a "dinosaur long past its sell-by date".

"Whatever the high hopes and noble aims with which it was founded . . . it has proved to be inefficient, to exploit consumers and to stand in the way of the development of a true Common Market.

"The drain on Community resources has prevented the development of the Common Market in other areas."

The average family of four in the United Kingdom and throughout Europe paid about £9 a week more than they needed to for food because of the scheme, she said. In addition, they paid half as much again as taxpayers to meet the costs of butter, beef and other food mountains.

Mrs Oppenheim-Barnes, a former Conservative minister for consumer affairs, called for a complete upheaval in the way agriculture was supported.

"The strategy should be to make production and trade in food more market-led. It is



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what the consumers want and can pay for that should determine what farmers produce.

"At the same time, the social problems of the countryside need direct attention: putting up the price of food is little help to small farmers."

The report, the result of 18 months of research and evidence submitted by more than 200 organizations and individuals in all 12 member states of the EEC, produces a devastating picture of the CAP, set up in 1962.

It shows that the CAP has always taken the lion's share of the EEC budget — usually between 65 and 75 per cent — with costs rocketing in recent years.

From 1974 to 1984, its budget more than tripled. In spite of reforms such as price restraint, quotas, guarantee thresholds and co-responsibility levies, spending on agricultural support in Europe rose by more than 40 per cent from 1984 to 1987.

Mrs Jill Moore, chairman of the working group that produced the report, singled out export subsidies as one of the CAP's worst faults.

"Sometimes, in order to get rid of food, the EEC has to pay in export subsidies nearly as much as it paid for the food in the first place.

"In January 1987, for instance, the export subsidy on butter sold to the Soviet Union was 93 per cent of the intervention price paid to farmers.

"First, EEC consumers were prevented from buying that butter cheaply, at world prices. Then, as taxpayers, they had to pay for storing it. Then they paid again to have it sold off to other countries cheaply."

The report said the tax imposed on EEC consumers was "extremely regressive", with the greatest burden falling on poor families.

Farm incomes, the report said, were no higher in real terms in 1985 than in 1973. Between 1977 and 1981, most farmers had incomes below 80 per cent of the average of non-agricultural workers. In 1986, 20 per cent of the CAP budget went on storing surpluses, rather then directly to farmers.

The report said the CAP represented a "massive misallocation" of resources. Funds had been diverted to agriculture that could have been more productively used eleswhere.

One study had estimated that 400,000 manufacturing jobs had been lost because of the farm pricing scheme. The evidence was that between 0.5 per cent and 1.0 per cent of total Community GDP was lost through the CAP.

Describing the farming lobby as "immensely powerful", Mrs Moore said reforms would come only when the EEC's decision-making machinery was fundamentally changed.

● Farm borrowing has risen to a record £6,240 million and the latest round of interest rate rises threatens many farmers with bankruptcy, the National Farmers' Union said yesterday.

In the first six months of 1988, farm borrowing rose by more than £280 million to £6,240 million. The recent increase in interest rates means that bank charges will consume more than a third of some farmers' incomes.

Mr David Naish, deputy president of the union, is to meet the head of several leading banks over the next few days to see what help can be given to the hardest-hit farmers.

The 4 per cent increase in interest rates will add about £240 million to farmers' borrowing costs in a full year, especially since many farmers are already paying up to 3 per cent above the base rate.

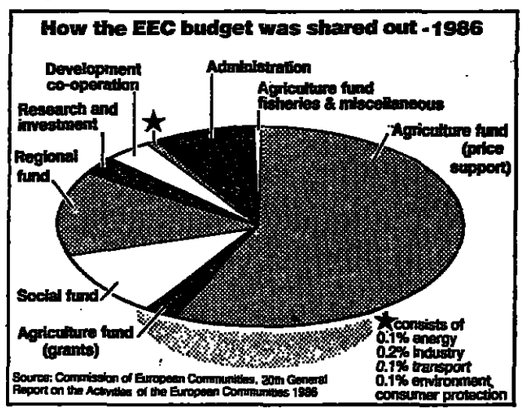
In Scotland, the higher interest rates will cost farmers an extra £40 million a year, equivalent to a third of net incomes last year, the Scottish National Farmers' Union said.

"It is clear many farmers will simply go under if interest charges are maintained at their present level," Mr Ian Grant, the union's president, said.

Farmers nationally will have to spend about £700 million for their bank borrowing this year, the equivalent of 35 per cent of incomes if they remain at 1987 levels, according to Lloyds Bank.

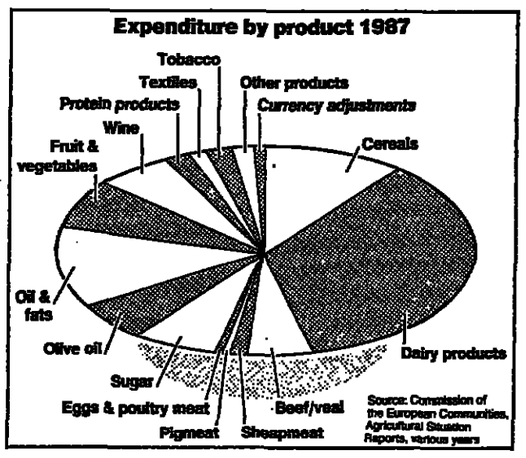
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How the EEC budget was shared out - 1986



Source: Commission of European Communities, 20th General Report on the Activities of the European Communities 1986

Expenditure by product 1987



Source: Commission of the European Communities, Agricultural Situation Reports, various years

Have instruments, will travel



Lauren Bullingham, aged 18, sets up her Salvi harp for rehearsal with the rest of the London Schools Symphony Orchestra, before its departure to Paris for concerts tomorrow and Sunday. They repeat the programme, which includes the Symphony No. 2 by Sibelius and the *Sinfonia da Requiem* by Britten, in London on September 12. (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance)

University restructuring

Industrial action threat over contracts

By Sam Kiley
Universities Reporter

Teachers at University College, Cardiff, may take industrial action over plans to alter their contracts.

A consultative document, issued by the secretary of the executive commission set up to handle next month's merger between the college and the University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology, includes a clause forbidding staff from speaking to anyone outside the institution about what may be happening inside the merged body.

The clause also requires staff to "use his/her best endeavours to prevent any such disclosure".

In addition, the draft proposals — to be considered when the first council of the new institution, the University of Wales College of Cardiff, meets on September 26 — would permit lecturers to be dismissed "in the managerial or financial interests of the college".

Mr Martin Machon, regional official of the Association of University Teachers for the Midlands and Wales, said: "The whole document is ambiguous and unworkable. The proposals threaten academic freedom.

"This has come as a slap in the face to very loyal staff who have had to cope with over 140 job losses out of a total complement of 500." The association would meet on September 19 to decide what action should be taken.

He said the attitude expressed in the draft propsals were "indicative of the belief that staff cannot be trusted.

"The clause about secrecy suggests that the new college may have something to hide. The plan is extremely worrying for staff at universities all over the country who may feel they are in danger of being gagged.

Dr Ray Hine, press officer for the new college, told *The Times Higher Education Supplement* that the conditions were "reasonable".

"This may be a way of telling staff that they should not divulge confidential financial information about the college. The idea is probably to draw to their attention the need to be more careful about what they tell people outside".

With his school reforms safely in the bag, Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, is turning his sights on the universities, and the older, more traditional ones can expect a rough ride.

Mr Baker yesterday accused some universities of being "flat-footed" in their approach to securing more outside funding and the preparation of new courses to meet the demands of the 1990's, with fewer graduates available to fill an ever-growing number of specialist vacancies.

Mr Baker said: "The way higher education is going to respond to the new demands is going to be very important. The polytechnics and some of the universities are already very good at this. The polytechnics are very sure-footed and have put together some very good courses, while some of the older universities, the more traditional ones, have been a bit flat-footed. They are now going to have to catch up."

He added: "The focus has been mainly on the schools this year but next year will see a greater emphasis on higher education."

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● Bad schools should be forced to publish their academic results, along with levels of truancy and deliquency, in an attempt to rectify falling standards, according to proposals by the Social Democratic Party (Richard Ford writes).

The party also called for a smaller core curriculum of English, Mathematics and Science, with a greater choice of foundation subjects so that pupils could be given more options.

The proposals, in a paper entitled *Education: after the Act*, say that while supporting wider parental choice in selecting schools, allowing popular schools to fill up would not stop some parents from sending their children to bad ones.

Ecology report comforts fish farmers

By Kerry Gill

The burgeoning fish-farming industry in Scotland was given a largely clean bill of health yesterday after a four-study of its effects on the environment.

The study has found that waste from salmon farms can damage the ecological balance of marine and biological life close to the farm sites, but those effects can be reversed. Fish farmers are to be urged to start rotating salmon cages to minimize ecological damage.

Waste from fish contains carbon and nitrogen that can reduce oxygen levels on the seabed, destroying minute organisms beneath a farm, the report, commissioned by the Highlands and Islands Development Board, says. It also emerged, to the surprise of the industry, that up to £4 million worth of salmon feed is lost each year, probably through careless feeding practices.

On some sites, it was found that methane and hydrogen sulphide gas could be produced from waste sediment, affecting the health of fish and reducing the long-term use of the farm site.

The report, which cost £128,000 to produce, was published by Dr Richard Gowen, of the Scottish Marine Biological Association, and Dr Donald McLusky, of Stirling University.

Research found that detrimental ecological effects were confined to within 60 yards of farms. Rotation of salmon cages before the seabed became badly "soured" was essential to allow the environment to recover.

The report is good news for the salmon farming industry, which has suffered considerable criticism from environmental groups.

Salmon farming in the Highlands and Islands is expected to be worth £100 million this year and to produce at least 20,000 tonnes of fish. The industry employs more than 1,000 full and part-time workers and is expected to expand.

However, Mr Simon Pepper, Scottish officer of the World Wide Fund for Nature, said yesterday the report had dealt with only a small part of the problem. There was still grave concern over the effects of pollution in water, as opposed to seabed matter.

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Trauma conference

Torture victims 'denied help in UK'

By Thomson Prentice

Many foreign victims of torture who seek asylum in Britain are being denied help and face deportation because of changes in government policy, an international conference was told yesterday.

The refugees who flee from repressive regimes in the Middle East, Africa and South America can be denied asylum if they do not have valid travel documents, which are often impossible to obtain.

The decision by the Government last year to fine airlines or shipping companies which allow passengers to travel to Britain without such documents effectively traps thousands of torture victims in their own country, the conference heard.

Some of the 4,000 a year who do arrive in the UK are held in detention centres or prisons where a number have attempted suicide rather than face deportation, Mrs Helen Bamber, director of the Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture said.

She was speaking at the first European Conference on Traumatic Stress, organized in Lincoln by the British Psychological Society.

"Most of the people who are tortured do not survive. We only see the lucky ones. The current policy of the Government is having a serious negative effect on the survival chances of many others" she said.

Catholics are more likely to have psychological problems as a result of violence in Northern Ireland because atrocities are more common in Catholic areas, the conference heard yesterday.

Dr Peter Curran, a psychologist at the Mater Hospital, Belfast, told the conference that in a sample of 499 people with psychological difficulties, 63 per cent were Catholics and the rest non-Catholics. That represents a reversal of the population division in Northern Ireland.

Of the 499 people in the sample examined by Dr Curran, 90 had survived assassination attempts, 34 were the victim of violent personal assault by para-militaries and 75 had been held hostage.

However, Dr Curran said that research by himself and others suggested that there was not an increase in psychological problems generally.

The Medical Foundation is a London-based charity which allows treatment, support and advice for torture victims.

It dealt with 75 people when founded in 1975 and now helps about 500 a year.

Dr Stuart Turner, a consultant psychiatrist at the foundation, said: "It is clearly wrong that life or death decisions about refugees can be made by a foreign airline official on the basis of British government policy".

He said that about one in three of the governments of the world systematically practised torture. Most of the victims seeking aslyum in Britain in recent years had come from Iran, Sri Lanka, Poland, Uganda and Iraq.

"Britain is seen by many nationalities as a natural place to turn for help, most of them who come actually do receive sanctuary. But compared with other European countries we get relatively few refugees and should be able to cope with them," he said.

Torture methods currently used abroad range from grotesque mutilations to the sophisticated use of electricity and pain-inducing drugs, conference delgates were told.

A medieval view of torture was "an inquiry after truth by means of torment".

But Dr Turner said that in many countries, the intention was not to obtain information but simply to deter opposition to political regimes.

Disaster work gives 'a glimpse of hell'

By Our Science Correspondent

Survivors of major disasters in Britain risked being left "floundering in their distress" because of haphazard and poorly co-ordinated assistance from the agencies which become involved, experts said yesterday.

Social workers and other professionals could get in each other's way and were vulnerable to the same after-effects of shock and grief as the survivors, they said.

"Disaster work is about being on the edge of an abyss. It is a glimpse of hell", Mr Peter Hodgkinson, principal psychologist at Bexley Hospital, Kent, told a conference in Lincoln.

Mr Hodgkinson and Mr Michael Stewart, a psychotherapist who operates an independent disaster consultancy, said there was a need for a national agency supported by the Government to co-ordinate the response to tragedies such as the Piper Alpha oil platform explosion, the Zeebrugge ferry sinking and the Bradford football club fire.

They warned that without proper training and preparation, disaster workers themselves would suffer psychological symptoms and would risk emotional collapse once they became involved in helping casualties.

Following the Piper Alpha accident, social workers felt "waves of grief and sadness" because they realized that similar catastrophies could engulf them and their own families, Mr Stewart said.

"In recent years I have seen professional people collapse under the pressure. They need advice to mitigate these effects and that would allow them to do a better job in helping others".

He and Mr Hodgkinson are helping to train social workers at Aberdeen to deal with the survivors of the Piper Alpha explosion and their families.

They have offered similar help in the wake of the disasters at Zeebrugge and Bradford.

"If we are to avoid leaving survivors to flounder in their distress we have to provide help for the helpers", Mr Hodgkinson said.

"Disaster workers live, sleep and breathe death 24 hours a day.

"Professional workers who don't realize this will fail the people they are trying to assist."

Murder witness is sought

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

Scotland Yard detectives investigating the motiveless murder of a student shot in the back in a south-west London road were yesterday hunting a missing witness who saw the killing but is too frightened to come forward.

Christopher Wandless, aged 20, was shot twice in the back with a sawn-off shotgun as he walked home along East Hill, Wandsworth, early on Bank holiday Monday, to his sister's home in south Wimbledon, where he was staying.

All the witnesses so far seen by detectives arrived at the scene after Mr Wandless, a civil engineering student, had been shot but police have now been told that a night-worker making his way home on foot saw the shooting but is afraid to come forward.

A few hours after the shooting the man was walking a black Labrador dog on Wandsworth Common, which is close to the killing.

In conversation with a woman walking her dog, he confided that he had seen the murder but was too worried to go to the police.

The woman has told police of the conversation but she does not know the man's identity.

Yesterday police began checking dog-owners in the area, people walking their pets, night-workers and places near by employing them.

Det Supt Christopher Flint, who is heading the investigation, said: "We have got to track this man down very quickly. He told the woman he had seen everything and he is living somewhere in the vicinity."

Killer virus may be spreading to UK's grey seal population

Andrew Morgan

The distemper virus killing thousands of common seals in the North Sea may have spread to grey seals on the Farne Islands, one of the most important colonies in Britain, the islands' warden said yesterday.

Mr Peter Hawkey, a warden on the National Trust's islands for 18 years, said eight seals found dead on the islands last month had all the symptoms found in common seals killed by the virus off Norfolk: mucus around the nose and, more importantly, a distincive S-shaped lump in the throat suggesting head movement associated with distemper. They were the first yearling deaths recorded on the islands in August.

The grey seal is rarer globally than the common seal, with British waters home to 95,000, or half the world's population. The virus has been confirmed in grey seals off the Dutch coast but not here.

Two scientists from the Sea Mammmal Research Unit, based in Cambridge, were due to examine two grey seal bodies yesterday on the islands, but gales prevented them from visiting the colony.

Yesterday, Sweden announced that 73 per cent of its common seals had died from the virus in the Baltic Sea, while Denmark had lost around 80 per cent in the North Sea and Baltic Sea.

The virus could have arrived on the Farne Islands at a critical time. Up to 1,500 grey seals are due to arrive next month for breeding, including about 900 grey seal cows, for a 12-week breeding season.

It is the opposite cycle of the common seal, which breeds in spring. Other colonies of grey seal, particularly on the Isle of May off Fife Ness, will also be exposed during the breeding season, when the seals are at their weakest.

No bodies have been reported, but the Nature Conservancy Council is considering contingency plans for the possible spread of the virus to the island, where up to 1,500 cows and 300 bulls are expected for breeding, producing 900 pups.

Mr Barrie Pendlebury, regional officer for the NCC, said carcasses could pose a big problem if the virus spread to greys. "The island has little sand on it and disposing of bodies could be a logistical nightmare."

The Dutch are hoping to develop a vaccine for the virus this month, but Mr Hawkey believes it will be virtually impossible to administer on the Farne Islands. An immobilization dart might be feasible but it could cause seals to fall off rocks and drown.

"One hope is that we can get to some of the 900 pups expected in a few months and inject them. A few adults might attack us, but we should be able to get through to some pups."

A further 11 sick young grey seals have been spotted off the Farnes and they have been marked with a yellow dye so as not to repeat counting. However, the immunuty system of the grey seal is much stronger than that of the common.

Work started yesterday on converting a former refuse truck shed at Hunstanton, belonging to West Norfolk Borugh Council, into a rehabilitation centre for up to 50 pups and yearlings.

The centre, costing £40,000 to run over the next two months, is sponsored by Greenpeace and the Royal Society for the Protection of Animals. But Mr Paul Vodden, a Greenpeace official, said: "It is only a temporary measure. The real solution is in cleaning up the North Sea."

In Scotland, Animal Concern yesterday asked two sponsors of fish farmers, the Highlands and Islands Development Board and the Crown Estate Commissioners, to prohibit the farmers from killing seals.

The society says it is "intolerable" that about 2,000 seals a year are killed when the species is badly threatened by disease.

Minister for water sport



A tea break for Mr Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, after giving waterborne support at Wraysbury, Berkshire, to the cross-Channel attempt tomorrow by four disabled water skiers, who hope to raise £100,000 for their association (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Benefit fraud inquiries to be shown on TV

By Andrew Billen

Department of Employment fraud investigators are to be shown for the first time on television conducting inquiries into welfare abuse.

Mr Alan Yentob, controller of BBC2, yesterday said *40 Minutes* had won permission to film the investigation team in Canterbury, Kent. The department carries out 400,000 inquiries nationwide a year.

The Department of Employment, which gave permission on condition that it could vet the programme for factual inaccuracies, has yet to see the completed film, scheduled for October. The BBC is also waiting for one prosecution to come to court before transmission.

"Dolebusters" will show how benefit office staff receive anonymous tip-offs and are trained to spot tell-tale signs of fraudulent claimants, such as paint-splattered hands.

The programme follows the popular success of *The Duty Men*, a fly-on-the wall series about customs officers.

The BBC announced yesterday that the final part of the series would be shown this autumn after court proceedings were completed.

Mr Eddie Mirzoeff, editor of *40 Minutes*, said he expected viewers to take a more ambivalent view of the fraud team's work than that of the customs men.

He said: "I think people will look at the rate of prosecution, which is one in a hundred, and ask if the effort is worth it for the sums involved. You are not dealing with big-time crooks, but people on the dole who spend a day window-cleaning or driving a minicab."

All participants had given permission for the filming but viewers will see one person asking the cameras to stop.

Mr Yentob, announcing his first autumn season since becoming controller, said there would be more than 300 hours of new documentaries, drama, alternative comedy, music and arts at a cost of £27 million.

Mr Clive James, who has moved from LWT, will present his own Friday night chat show. His *Late Show* will be the precursor of a nightly arts magazine to be shown on in the same slot.

Mr Yentob said there would be a "marvellously ambitious and eclectic" mix of music and arts programmes, including a celebration of the 70th birthday of Leonard Bernstein and popular music ranging from jazz to gypsy, reflected in another new series, *Rhythms of the World*.

The first wave of the controversial changes in news and current affairs will be seen in a relaunched *Money Programme* and *Newsnight*, which receives a regular 10.30pm start time and has been given a special brief for extended coverage of the US elections in November.

Wider use of law against unions

By Roland Rudd, Employment Affairs Reporter

Employers are using the law to prevent industrial action and are more willing to take individual trade union members to court, according to the results of a 12-month survey published in *Labour Research* yesterday.

Previous surveys showed there was little evidence of employers wishing to take this course of action. But in 1987-88 there were three examples of this.

Apart from the action against the National Union of Seamen, action against individual union members has been the main area of legal activity over the past 12 months.

Two of the three examples involved workers taking, or wishing to take, industrial action in support of health workers.

A second difference is in the employers' apparent willingness to proceed to a full court hearing for an award of damages.

Fines imposed recently are much higher. Whereas in 1985-87 the largest single fine was £25,000, in 1987-88 the seamen's union has twice been fined £150,000 (with threats of higher fines) and, to the end of July 1988, paid out more than £350,000 in fines.

The survey also shows employers are more willing to use a wider range of laws.

In addition to their new powers under the 1980, 1982 and 1984 legislation (covering picketing, secondary action and balloting) employers are using common law to cover actions such as intimidation.

Courts ban hooligans from soccer matches

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Football hooligans are finding that magistrates are prepared to use a tough new measure to ban them from matches.

An analysis of football exclusion orders shows that about 800 have been made up to July since August 1 1987, when the provisions in the Public Order Act came into force.

The details are given in a Home Office circular to justices' clerks.

Magistrates have the power to make an exclusion order, banning offenders for a given period, in addition to other penalties. Six months was the duration most often used (234 orders), followed by 12 months (227) and three months (132). The fewest orders were for two years or more.

The circular says that most of the football-related offences recorded on the exclusion orders were under the Public Order Act 1986. A significant number were drink-related.

Other offences included possession of an offensive weapon, obstructing a police officer, handling stolen goods, throwing an object at a railway carriage and incitement to racial hatred.

Weekend food prices

Dearer apples but quality is better

Fewer apples but better quality is the news from English orchards as growers count the cost of stormy weather, especially the hurricane last October.

"The dessert crop is expected to be 20 per cent down on last year and cooking apples down by 15 per cent because of the weather," the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Information Bureau says.

"They are likely to finish earlier than usual and we shall be seeing slightly higher prices but quality promises to be superb."

This weekend, as well as English Discovery dessert apples and Bramley cookers, both 30p to 50p a lb, there are Howgate Wonders, another culinary variety, at 30p to 45p.

Home-grown Victoria plums at 30p to 55p a lb are reaching their peak. There is a vast range of grapes from Spain, Italy, Greece and Cyprus, generally below £1 a lb.

Peaches and nectarines are nearing the end of their season and the biggest and best are fetching high prices.

Vegetable and salad counters are full of summer's plenty, but English sweetcorn is slow to appear because of lack of sunshine and ripe cobs may cost 40p each. Better buys are home-grown cauliflowers from 25p to 50p each, Primo Cabbage at 14p to 26p a lb, calabrese 40p to 80p, courgettes at 20p to 45pand runner beans at 30p to 60p.

Early Brussels sprouts are to be found at 25p to 45p.

Meat prices are generally stable. Any movement on the crest of home-produced lamb is likely to be downward because supplies are so plentiful.

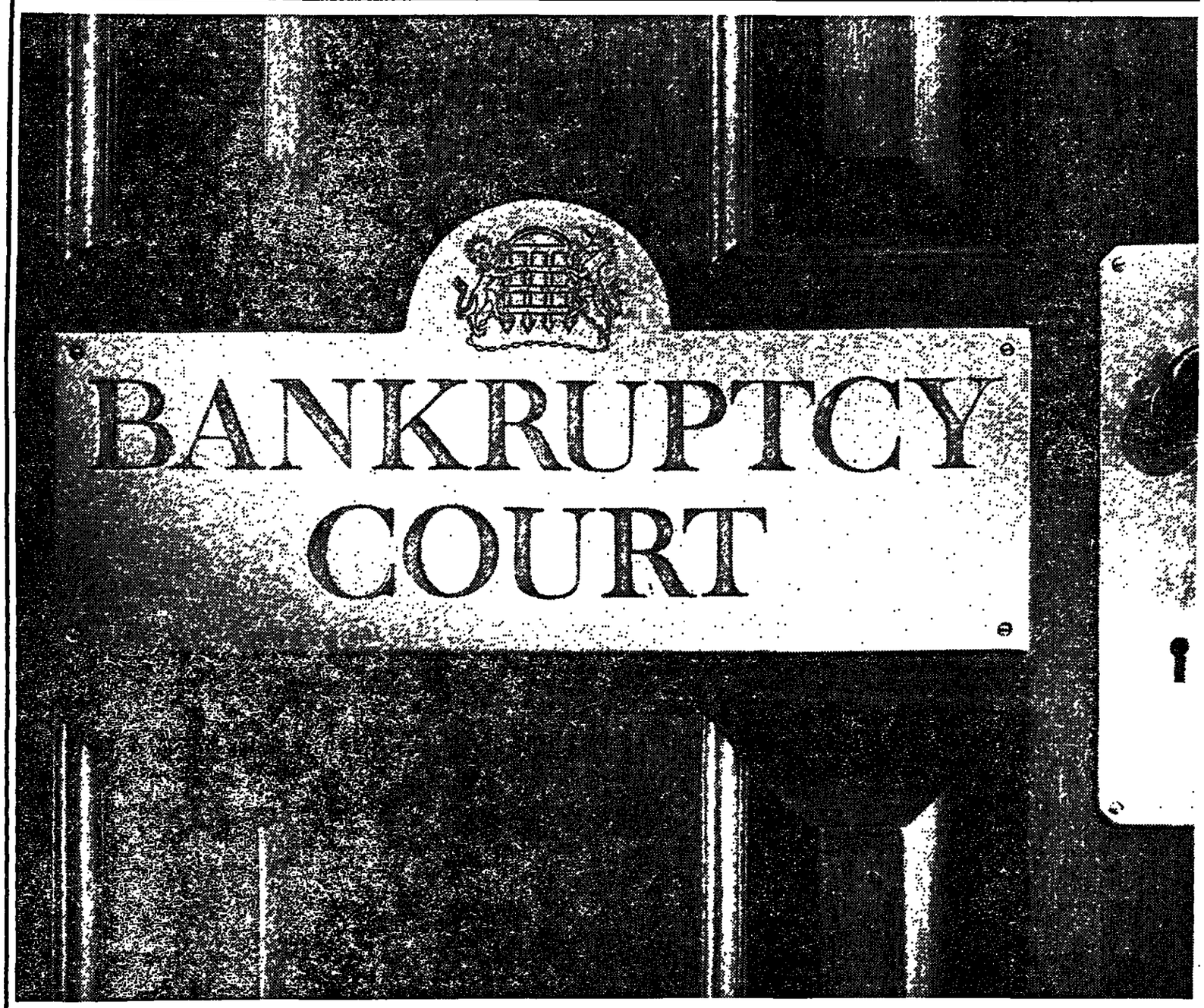
At Sainsbury's English whole leg of lamb is further reduced to £1.38 a lb, at Asda whole or half leg is £1.85 and a number of high street stores have shoulder of lamb for less than £1.

Beef bargains are few but it is worth noting Tesco's topside, silverside or top rump at £2.34 a lb, compared with the national average of £2.46.

Fresh fish could be an expensive item, supplies being limited after the Bank holiday.

Best buys are likely to be cod fillets or small whole plaice.

Frozen offers include four Birds Eye fish steaks in sauce for £1.69 at Bejam and 20 fish fingers for 89p at Iceland freezer centres.



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Walesa is booed as Gdansk men return but others strike on

From Richard Bassett, Warsaw

Chances faded for a quick conclusion to the wave of industrial unrest in Poland as strikes continued in three areas of the country last night despite the Government's talks with Mr Lech Walesa, leader of the outlawed Solidarity trade union movement.

Yesterday morning, Mr Walesa was greeted with some boos and hisses when he returned to the birthplace of Solidarity, the Lenin shipyard in Gdansk, and urged those still on strike to return to work. "Gentlemen, this decision is not cowardice but responsibility," he said.

Eventually the decision to end the strike was taken by only a narrow majority of the strike committee.

Mr Alojzy Szablewski, the chairman of the Lenin shipyard strike committee, said that ending the strike was a "bitter choice".

"After 11 days of strikes we have achieved so little," he said.

But, at 2pm yesterday, despite Mr Walesa's frosty reception at the shipyard, the strikers marched out waving Solidarity banners and singing the Polish national anthem. They were joined in their spontaneous demonstration by a large crowd which had gathered to greet them.

Later, a thanksgiving service was held at St Brygyda's, the Solidarity church in Gdansk.

At the same time, strikers resumed work at two other places in Gdansk: the repair shipyard and the Port of Gdansk.

Despite the Baltic port's return to work, strike action was continuing at the north-western port of Szczecin, notwithstanding Mr Walesa's first talks with the Government in seven years.

As well as at Szczecin, strikers at Stalowa Wola and at the "Manifest Lipcowy" mines in Silesia, where the present wave of industrial unrest began two weeks ago, were also reluctant to go back to work.

There, negotiations were in progress between strike committees and management, but both the miners and the steelworkers are insisting that Mr Walesa must appear in person to explain to them why he wishes their strikes to end.

Mr Walesa now faces the risk that unless his call to work is heeded throughout the country, his own negotiating position in the forthcoming "round table" talks with the Government will be immeasurably weakened.

In particular, the Government's willingness to consider the reinstatement of Solidarity as a legal union may recede if it appears that Solidarity's leader cannot control the workers he is supposed to lead.

In general, Mr Walesa is leaving the economic side of the present dispute to the individual strike committees concerned. He is himself concentrating on the broader issue of establishing Solidarity's legality.

But, although the Government seems prepared to concede some reinstatement of Solidarity, at least one "reformist" member of the Politburo has insisted that a reconstituted Solidarity should enjoy power only "locally" and should not become "a national force in Polish politics".

Although the date yesterday remained unclear for the start of the round-table talks between Mr Walesa and Solidarity leaders on one hand and the Government on the other — largely because the Government is insisting that the continuing strike action must end completely before the talks begin — Solidarity activists have begun drawing up a list of the movement's members they wish to have included in the discussions.

These include Mr Jacek Merkel, the chairman of the inter-factory strike committee in Gdansk, and Mr Henryk Sienkiewicz, who represents the Silesian miners strike committee.

But yesterday's reluctance on the part of many of the strikers to end their dispute suggests that Mr Walesa will most probably have to visit the other areas where the strikes are taking place before he can return to Warsaw for more preparatory talks with the Minister of the Interior, General Czeslaw Kiszczak.

● **LONDON:** Britain yesterday welcomed the projected meeting between Solidarity leaders and the Polish Government (Nicholas Beeston writes).

The Foreign Office said that it hoped that the dialogue would continue and that it would offer "more freedom and prosperity to the Polish people".

Welcome home hugs for Delta crash survivor





Among the 95 people who survived when the Delta Air Lines Boeing 727, above, crashed on take-off and burst into flames at Dallas-Fort Worth airport Texas, on Wednesday, was Mr Danny Ellington of Tulare, California. Mr Ellington, aged 40, seen right being welcomed home by his wife and daughter, escaped with only a slight scratch on his forehead.

A day after the crash of Delta's Flight 1141 bound for Salt Lake City, Utah, in which 13 people were killed, another Delta Boeing 727 with the same flight number and destination aborted its take-off, an airline spokesman said (Reuter reports from Dallas).

Some of those on board the airliner were believed to be survivors of Wednesday's crash.

No one was hurt and the aircraft returned safely to the terminal, Mr Bill Berry, a Delta spokesman, said in Atlanta, where the airline has its headquarters.

Mr Berry said the airliner had reached a speed of no more than 20 mph to 30 mph when the flight crew saw that they "were not getting standard indications" on engine instruments. He said it was not immediately clear what had caused the aborted take-off but that it was "not an unusual incident".

Mr Berry, meanwhile, refused to comment on reports that engine trouble may have been a factor in Wednesday's crash.

US Government investigators at the airport said privately that they would be looking at the airliner's three Pratt and Whitney engines after passengers said they heard thumps and knocks from the rear of the plane seconds before the crash.

Kenyan officials are accused as battle rages over 'massacre of elephants'

Nairobi (AFP, Reuter) — A controversy over large-scale game poaching in Kenya hit a new high yesterday when a leading conservationist claimed that names of government officials involved had been submitted to a minister.

Mr Richard Leakey, chairman of the East African Wildlife Society, was quoted by *The Standard* newspaper as saying that Mr George Muhoho, the Tourism Minister, had received the confidential document about a month ago. The paper also published a front-page photograph of two dead elephants in Tsavo National Park with their heads missing, hacked off by poachers using an electric saw in their efforts to remove the tusks.

Mr Leakey on Monday attacked the ministry, accusing its officials of being responsible for the massacre of elephants in Kenya. He claimed that he knew of senior government officials who had been involved in poaching for many years. But Mr Muhoho responded by challenging Mr Leakey, a white Kenyan, to name names.

Mr Leakey said yesterday: "I am reliably informed that the police are investigating the matter and as such it is the minister who should name names. I am not in a position to give out names since I cannot defend myself."

The two men have also openly differed on how many elephants there are in Kenya. Mr Muhoho claims that there are 22,000, while Mr Leakey says there are less than 6,000.

Joining the controversy, Mr Gideon Kago, chairman of the Kenya Association of Tour Operators, said yesterday that a state of emergency should be declared in the national parks to fight poachers.

Kenya's security forces should be deployed with the parks' anti-poaching units to wage an intensive campaign, Mr Kago, told the *Kenya Times*, the voice of the ruling party Kanu.

"In less than three months, all the poachers hiding and roaming around our parks will not only be wiped out but will also be scared and keep off for ever," he added.

He said the poachers were "small-timers" working for certain highly-placed people whom he did not identify.

Commenting on the picture in *The Standard*, Mr Leakey asked Mr Muhoho to explain how, last week, people were cutting off elephant heads with chain saws in Tsavo National Park, and how, after removing the tusks, they loaded them into a car and drove across the national park which has gates.

Mr Leakey also introduced a new dimension into the controversy, saying that domestic animals were gradually replacing wildlife in national parks. In virtually all national parks, there were thousands of cattle, sheep, goats and camels.

"We have a law which states that there should be no cattle in the national parks. Either the Minister and his departments uphold the law and keep the parks for wild animals or let them to be taken over as ranches," he said.

Mr Leakey said that wildlife poaching was economic sabotage that threatened the stability and success of Kenya. The country banned game hunting in 1977 but poaching has continued and threatens to wipe out elephant and rhino. In the past month alone, 92 elephants have been killed around the country, according to official figures.

Last weekend, poachers killed three rangers in an ambush near Garissa.

Pitfalls of China's reform programme

Women lose out in a rush for profits

From Catherine Sampson, Peking

Women appear to be taking the brunt of the Chinese reforms which make enterprises responsible for their own profits and losses and force managers to dismiss *excess labour*.

An article in the *Economic Daily* argued that it was understandable for managers not to want to hire women because of their low attendance rate and inefficiency, and that the state should stop encouraging all women to work.

It cited a recent survey in Nanning claiming to show that a man could produce 1,899 yuan more in profits per year than a woman, and 2,074 yuan more than a breast-feeding woman. "Of course, as Lenin said, female liberation is a wonderful thing," the article said. "But China will have to think up new ways to employ women." Since women still had to do about five or six hours of household chores every day, those who wished might as well stay at home and receive allowances *for housework, and others* might work part-time, thereby relieving much of the financial burden of excess labour.

In a related development, the All-China Women's Federation said it found that only 5.3 per cent of managers are happy to employ women. The federation said that it intended to take emergency measures to help women rescue their jobs in the course of employment reform.

In the building industries, in which far more women are employed than in the West, 80 per cent of those laid off have been women.

Service industries are felt to be the most suitable place for women, but pay and working conditions are poor.

In rich villages in the countryside, some women are choosing to give up work and depend on their husband's income. The article cited Daqiu village as an example, where 95 per cent of women stay at home. But the federation believes the countryside to be a bastion of traditional views on the role of women.

Last summer the federation had to deal with hundreds of complaints from new women graduates who could not find employment because managers had decided that women were incompetent.

Moreover, in some places reforms have created a huge demand for cheap labour filled by women and children. In Shenzhen, the Special Economic Zone next to Hong Kong, where competition is the catchword, many women and children are made to work up to an 18-hour day in grim conditions. Peking radio said girls of 12 making artificial flowers earn only 10 yuan *(about £1.50) per month.*

One Chinese administrator of a joint venture said: "It pays to respect and protect the legitimate interests of management and accept their temporary exploitation of workers. Doing so is conducive to our economic development."

But, as Peking radio noted, Shenzhen workers dissatisfied with their treatment, have gone on strike several times, and 90 per cent of their grievances have been found by the authorities to be justified.

● **Talks end:** Sino-Soviet talks to end the conflict on Cambodia ended here yesterday, with no indication that there had been a breakthrough.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Indian MPs trade blows in House

Delhi (AFP) — Opposition and ruling Congress (I) Party members traded blows for the first time in the Indian Parliament yesterday, plunging the Lower House into chaos, witnesses said. The House adjourned briefly after 80 minutes of bedlam, they added.

Members fought using microphones and their fists after opposition Telegu Desam members interrupted routine proceedings by demanding that the Government apologize for an earlier police baton-charge on their colleagues.

Bush acid rain pledge

Washington — Vice-President George Bush and Governor Michael Dukakis have made the touchy environment issue a battleground in their presidential campaigns (Mohsin Ali writes). Mr Bush, distancing himself from controversial Reagan Administration policies, said that if elected he would work to reduce acid rain, speed the clean-up of toxic wastes and strengthen pollution regulations.

Governor Dukakis dismissed Mr Bush's position as an election-year gimmick, but Mr Bush was yesterday making a visit to polluted Boston harbour in Mr Dukakis' home state.

Chile lifts exiles ban

Santiago (Reuter) — President Pinochet announced yesterday that he was allowing all Chilean exiles, officially numbered at around 300, to return home. The lifting of the exile orders would cover leaders of the Marxist government of the late President Allende, toppled in the 1973 military coup, and the head of the Chilean Communist Party, Señor Luis Corvalan.

Señor Sergio Fernandez, the Interior Minister, said the lifting of the bans, many of which have been in force since the military took power, was effective immediately.

US missiles removed

Heilbronn, West Germany (AP) — The US Army yesterday removed nine Pershing 2 missiles from a base in West Germany, the first step in the removal of all American intermediate-range nuclear rockets stationed in the country, a police spokesman said. West German and US military police escorted the convoy from Heilbronn.

American officials had said previously that some of the missiles would be destroyed at a site in Frankfurt.

'Bomb' just hot air

Seoul — A North Korean air raid has scored a direct hit on the British Embassy here, but it ended with a pop rather than a bang (Gavin Bell writes). South Korean security forces who raced to the scene yesterday found a timing device, batteries — and the tattered remnants of a balloon.

A "bomb" lying among the debris did not require defusing. Military experts identified it as an empty cardboard box, which had apparently automatically released hundreds of propaganda leaflets before the balloon carrying it burst on a tree next to the embassy tennis court.

Debate over future of ANC leader

Pretoria closer to a Mandela decision

From Michael Hornsby, Cape Town

The South African Government may at last be preparing to take the decision from which it has shied away for so long: the release of Nelson Mandela, the living symbol of black resistance to apartheid, from more than a quarter of a century in captivity.

But President Botha has delayed this crucial decision for so long that when it comes, if it ever does, the 70-year-old African National Congress leader's ability to help bring about a peaceful transition to multi-racial rule may have been drastically diminished.

The Government's motives in moving Mandela to a private nursing home from the Cape Town hospital where he had been receiving treatment for tuberculosis since August 12 are still obscure. It is possible, but by no means certain, that his sojourn in the home could be a preliminary step to allowing him to go free.

It could also be that the Government simply wanted to avoid the international outcry that would undoubtedly have erupted had Mandela been sent straight back to jail from his hospital bed. By allowing him to recuperate in the clinic, the Government has bought time without committing itself on the question of his ultimate release.

Considerations of compassion aside, there are two main arguments, from Pretoria's point of view, in favour of Mandela's release: it would remove the danger of his dying in official custody, and it would dramatically alter the context in which the Government is seeking to engage black leaders in negotiations about the constitutional future of the country.

The chief prize for Mr Botha, if Mandela were set free, could be the participation of the Zulu leader, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, in the proposed "National Council", the negotiating body which is supposed to give blacks a say in "the processes of government" and in shaping a new Constitution. At present, the Council is dead in the water for lack of a black response.

As head of the Inkatha organization, which claims to have more than 1.5 million paid-up members drawn mainly from the country's six million Zulus, the largest black ethnic group, Chief Buthelezi is the most influential black political figure after Mandela, though one who has as many enemies as friends among his fellow blacks.

Chief Buthelezi has repeatedly made clear that Mandela's release is the *sine qua non* for his participation in Mr Botha's Council. It is less clear whether he would also insist that the ANC and other restricted organizations *should be allowed to operate* freely. The Zulu leader's participation in the Council would be an important coup for the Government.

There would appear to be little that Mr Botha and Mandela themselves could find to talk about. Mr Botha told the Natal congress of the ruling National Party last month that he was not prepared "even to discuss the possibility" of black majority rule in South Africa. Yet unless that is on the negotiating agenda, the ANC is unlikely to call off its "armed struggle".

The risks for Pretoria in releasing Mandela would be considerable. No one can predict how black townships would react. They seem cowed and acquiescent after two



Nelson Mandela: Legendary and mythologized status.

years of emergency rule and intensifying repression, but the spirit of revolt still bubbles just below the surface.

For its part, the far-right Conservative Party, which has formed the official opposition in the white House of Assembly since last year's general election, would ruthlessly exploit Mandela's release as a sign of government weakness. That makes it unlikely that there will be any final decision on his fate before the October 26 municipal elections.

If there are risks for the Government, the problems that would face Mandela and the ANC if he were to be set free are hardly any less serious.

Apart from anything else, there is the physical impression that Mandela would make on the millions of young blacks who know him only from 25-year-old photographs that portray an almost matinée idol figure in the full vigour of manhood. Would they be able to reconcile this image with the reality of an elderly, white-haired gentleman in uncertain health?

When he first went to prison in 1962, Mandela was known outside South Africa only to the *cognoscenti*. Inside the country, he was by no means a *household name, even among* blacks. Among whites, he was probably best known to the security police and the small number of liberal students, academics and journalists who took a close interest in black affairs.

In prison, he has acquired a legendary, mythologized status, as famous a cult figure of the international left today as Che Guevara or Ho Chi Minh were in their time. At home, he is the one figure in South Africa's faction-ridden black politics who is still immune to all criticism.

Outside prison, he would inevitably lose that semi-deified aura. He would be forced to adopt policy positions, make compromises, take sides. What role would he have in the ANC, which already has an established leadership in exile? Where would he stand on such crucial questions as armed resistance and relations with Inkatha?

Everything that is known about Mandela's views suggests that he would strongly disapprove of the recent trend towards the planting of bombs in public places where large numbers of civilians are likely to be killed or injured. That could put him in conflict with the Young Turks in the ANC. Mandela's personal relations with Chief Buthelezi are believed to have remained quite cordial.

Both men are of aristocratic origin — Chief Buthelezi being related to the Zulu royal family, while Mandela was born into the royal household of the Tembu, the biggest tribe among the Xhosa-speaking people.

Mandela is believed to favour rapprochement between the ANC and Inkatha in the interests of black solidarity, but any moves in that direction would be seen as a betrayal of their cause by many young ANC supporters.

Pretoria may hope that a liberated Mandela would lose his pre-eminent status and become just another black politician.

That seems likely to prove wishful thinking. But there must be real doubt whether even Mandela's huge authority would be able to heal the notorious divisions in black society.

Bomb claim by unknown group

Johannesburg — A hitherto unknown Afrikaaner organization calling itself the *Wit Wolve* (White Wolves) has claimed it planted the bomb which destroyed Khotso House, headquarters of the South African Council of Churches and other anti-apartheid organizations in Johannesburg on Wednesday (Ray Kennedy writes).

Police said yesterday that the claim, made by an anonymous caller to an Afrikaans newspaper, was probably a hoax but was being investigated as a matter of routine.

There are all sorts of extreme right wing groups in South Africa but the "White Wolves" have never been heard of before.

The anonymous caller telephoned the Johannesburg Afrikaans morning newspaper *Beeld* more than six hours after the Khotso House explosion. He said the attack had been carried out by the "White Wolves", who had also released tear gas at a recent meeting in Benoni, east of Johannesburg, disrupting a speech made by Dr Denis Worrall, leader of the Independent Party.

City council officials have declared Khotso House unsafe, and forensic scientists are unable to examine the debris. The building might have to be demolished if the main supporting pillars have been destroyed by the blast.

New peak in Jewish emigration

Geneva (AP) — Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union reached a new eight-year peak in August, with a total of 1,864 being allowed to leave the country, the agency helping them to resettle said.

But the number of Armenians permitted to leave dropped to 223 in August, from 1,018 in the previous month, the Inter-governmental Committee for Migration said yesterday.

A spokesman, Ms Regina Boucault, had no explanation for the drop. She said that 8,241 Armenians had been allowed to leave so far this year.

The Jewish emigrés brought about the eighth straight monthly increase in the number of arrivals at the Vienna transit centre, Ms Boucault said. Only 116 emigrés chose to go to Israel.

The August figure was the highest since May, 1980, when 1,976 Soviet Jews were allowed to emigrate, she said. The eight-month total for 1988 is now 9,560, of whom 1,046 went to Israel.

The largest official exodus, 51,330, was recorded in 1979, before the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan brought a chill to East-West relations.

Almost 270,000 Soviet Jews have emigrated since the beginning of the resettlement programme in 1971.

● **MOSCOW:** In a clear rebuff to nationalists in the Baltic region, *Pravda* yesterday justified the 1939 Nazi-Soviet non-aggression pact which paved the way for the annexation of the Baltic states (A Correspondent writes).

The nationalists in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania had successfully campaigned for the publication of the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact's secret protocols — which allowed the annexation of the three states — and had demanded that Moscow take a stand against them.

Colombia's brutal drug gangs fight among themselves

From Geoffrey Matthews
Bogotá

"Popeye" was communicating with "The Godfather" and the dialogue was quintessential B-picture Hollywood. "The guy's turning white ... he's dying ... what do we do with him?" asked "Popeye" nervously. The reply was swift and to the point: "Finish him off ... get rid of that sonofabitch now!"

With Colombia's explosive "Cocaine Wars" reaching unprecedented levels of savagery, the nation's security forces recently revealed that chilling "walkie-talkie" exchange. It was recorded by a radio ham in Medellín, Colombia's second city, who chanced on the same wave-length during the kidnapping and subsequent murder of the Attorney General, Señor Carlos Mauro Hoyos Jiménez, by local cocaine racketeers in January. He had already been seriously wounded during the abduction.

The voices have been identified as those of "Popeye", nickname of the leader of a gang of thugs employed by the notorious Medellín drug cartel, and "El Padrino" ("The Godfather"), sobriquet of Pablo Escobar, also known as the cartel's "Chairman of the Board".

The murder shocked Colombia. It led President Barco to order a military offensive against the Medellín cartel's operations that has resulted in some notable successes in raids on cocaine-processing laboratories and seizures of large quantities of the drug.

Significantly, it also aroused the displeasure of the rival cocaine cartel in Cali, Colombia's third city, which has since been waging a gang war against Escobar's organization on the streets of *Medellín. So far this year it is* conservatively estimated that 78 gangsters have been killed in a conflict ostensibly attributed to a power battle for control of the New York cocaine market — the biggest in the United States — but, in fact, with much wider and deep-rooted origins.

So far, the Government has been content to sit back and let the drug traffickers kill each other. Such a stance, however, now looks untenable, as the war has started to claim civilian casualties.

Two weeks ago in Medellín's city centre, local cartel thugs burst into a large store, doused the floors with petrol, and set it alight. The store, packed with about 70 people, was gutted. While shoppers managed to escape, five employees died in the flames. The store was one of a national chain whose headquarters is in Cali, and is widely believed to be one of the Cali cartel's many legitimate businesses.

By far the most powerful of the two drug cabals is the Medellín cartel. It is also the most vicious. Under "Don Pablo", it has, in effect, declared war on the state, cynically running arms to Marxist guerrillas, who divert the security forces' attention from the racket, backing death squads of the extreme right, and commissioning a series of contract-killings of government ministers, judges, police officers and journalists.

In contrast, the bosses of the Cali cartel — led by Gilberto Rodriguez Orejuela — have tended to keep a low profile and avoid confrontation with the Government.

General Jaime Ruiz Barrera, head of the Medellín-based 4th Army Brigade, which has led the campaign against Escobar's organization, puts it this way: "The Medellín cartel is violent, aggressive, and commits terrorist-like actions. The Cali cartel has traditionally not been violent and has succeeded, to the extent that this is possible, in legalizing its operations."

For several years the two cartels co-operated amicably, with Cali always being subservient to Medellín. Relations have gradually soured, however, and today Escobar and Rodriguez Orejuela are sworn enemies. Behind the breach are the two most sensational murders in the drug war before that of the Attorney General.

In 1984, Escobar called a summit of the drug clans to plot the assassination of the Justice Minister, Señor Rodrigo Lara Bonilla, a courageous opponent of the racket. All were asked to contribute equally to a "pool" to finance the hit.

To Escobar's disgust, the Cali delegation refused, fearing the consequences. True enough, immediately after Señor Lara Bonilla's murder, the then President, Señor Belisario Betancur, implemented a 1979 extradition treaty with Washington, which he had previously been reluctant to use, and the racketeers were forced to run for cover.

In December 1986, Rodriguez Orejuela was facing trial in Cali on drug trafficking charges while the US lobbied hard for his extradition. His lawyers were confident that they could win an acquittal when Señor Guillermo Cano, publisher-editor of the Bogotá daily, *El Espectador*, who had valiantly campaigned against the racket, was assassinated by Medellín killers.

Rodriguez Orejuela said that "this crime could only have been committed by an enemy of mine, because the only person prejudiced by it is me". Although he was acquitted, he never forgave Escobar.

In June last year, the Supreme Court, faced with death threats from Medellín, declared the extradition treaty unconstitutional on a technicality. In the three years of its operation, 15 lesser drug bosses and one important one, Carlos Lehder, a leading Medellín cartel member, were extradited to the United States.

The war between the two cabals has extended to the US, where dozens of murders of Colombians have been reported in Miami, centre of the Medellín cartel's operations in North America, and New York, which the Cali cartel has traditionally regarded as its own territory.

The violence seems certain to escalate further after the seizure by police in New York last week of more than two tonnes of cocaine — the biggest haul in the city's history — in a Queens apartment, together with $2 million (£1.19 million) in cash stored in bags bearing the slogan "Just Say No to Drugs". Four Colombians, alleged members of the Cali cartel, were arrested.

There have been reports that the operation was the result of a tip-off by the Medellín cartel, which is keen to take over the New York market.

Significantly, the Cali cartel's operations have not been molested by the Government's crackdown, which seems to be directed exclusively against Escobar, who now finds himself on the run from both the security forces and Rodriguez Orejuela's henchmen.

Malta and Libyans end visas and start joint broadcasting

From Andrew McEwen, Valletta

Malta yesterday strengthened its links with Libya by opening a joint radio station and abolishing visa requirements between the two countries. Both developments were planned before the Nationalist Government was elected 15 months ago after 16 years of Socialist rule.

The decision is unlikely to be welcomed in Whitehall or Washington. Although the Nationalists have toned down important aspects of the Socialists' pro-Libyan policy, both Britain and the United States still feel that Valletta and Tripoli remain closer than they would like.

But in an interview with *The Times*, Dr Eddie Fenech Adami, the Prime Minister, *said his Government now had* a "correct and normal" relationship with Libya. He said it was "unacceptable and incorrect" that Western attitudes to Malta should be mainly influenced by its relationship with Libya.

Dr Fenech Adami has hinted that his Government would like to adopt a clearer policy but is restrained because it has only a one-vote parliamentary majority, and by the importance of trade with Libya.

The new move on links with Libya coincided with preparations for a visit to Britain by Dr Fenech Adami later this month. His Foreign Minister, Dr Censu Tabone, held talks in London yesterday with Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary. In his talks with Mrs Thatcher, Dr Fenech Adami plans to seek British approval for his intended application for Maltese membership of the EEC.

He is also expected to emphasize the more favourable climate for business in Malta, which is confirmed both by diplomatic and business sources in Valletta. But while the British Government is happier with his comparatively pro-Western policies, the Libyan question continues to cause doubts.

The Voice of the Mediterranean, which began broadcasting yesterday, is based in Malta but is jointly run by the Maltese and Libyan governments. It announced the visa move.

If all border control within the EEC were scrapped from 1992, as some governments have proposed, and Malta were granted membership, it would be theoretically possible for Libyan nationals to use Malta as a route to circumvent British controls.

Malta's link with Libya caused acute concern to the West in the aftermath of the raid on Tripoli by American bombers based in Britain. Under the terms of a 1984 treaty, the two countries were obliged to pass on military information to each other. Maltese radar operators detected the American aircraft and warned Tripoli.

Dr Fenech Adami said that *after taking office he had* informed Tripoli that his Government "would not feel obliged" by the military clauses of the treaty.

Asked if this meant that in similar circumstances he would refrain from passing on the information, he repeated that he would not feel obliged to do so.

On the "Voice of the Mediterranean", he told *The Times*: "It is not a Libyan radio that will be transmitted from Malta. It is a joint venture." He said the Libyans had asked the previous Maltese Government for permission to set up a radio station called the "Voice of Friendship and Solidarity", to be operated solely under Libyan control, but his Government *had prevented that from going* ahead.

Another incident which caused concern was the fact that a trawler carrying weapons the IRA, the Eksund, made a stop at Malta.

But Dr Fenech Adami said: "We have confirmed that although the Eksund did visit Malta and was at anchor here for a few days ... there was no arms trafficking. If that happened when the ship left Malta, that is not our responsibility."

Western diplomatic sources said they accepted that the Maltese Government knew nothing about the Eksund's arms-running venture.

Malta's inability to detect the arms stemmed from its *lack of maritime radar.*

British boat aids starving flood victims

From Ahmed Fazl
Dhaka

The British Oxfam ferry, Otter, offers the best hope of survival for the thousands of starving families marooned by floods on the islands of Chowhali in the Brahmaputra river in northern Bangladesh.

The 125ft Otter, carrying four tons of pressed rice and molasses and 12 volunteers from Oxfam, this week steamed into the cluster of fertile islands where 250,000 men, women and children in normal times farm rice and string beans.

The hapless inhabitants have stayed on the islands hungry and thirsty for more than a week as the waters of the great flood washed away their thatched huts and destroyed their tube wells.

"We were the first to reach the islands with food and start a rescue operation," Mr Mohammad Saidur Rahman, the local chief of Oxfam, told *The Times* yesterday.

One Oxfam volunteer, Mr Habibullah Bahar, swam six hours and then travelled by boat for another 18 hours last Tuesday to bring the news to Dhaka of a marooned community in Bhangura village in northern Pabna district.

Mr Rahman said the Otter, lent to the charity by the British Overseas Development Agency, would transport prepared food to the flooded islands and ferry stranded people back to the nearest town of Sirajganj, about two miles away, where the water has begun to recede.

The rescue operation is part of a £200,000 project which Oxfam and other Western voluntary organizations will launch as an immediate intermediate response to the havoc caused by the unprecedented floods, which have displaced more than 30 million people, surpassing last year's deluge in sheer destruction.



Families perching on the roof of their home to escape the floodwaters in Bangladesh which have so far claimed 450 lives.

"We are facing a grave crisis and there is no time to waste if people are to be saved," Mr Rahman said.

About 300 Oxfam supervisors are helping to co-ordinate the relief operation in about 10 districts by organizing local volunteers and dispatching cooked food of *kichri* (a stew of rice and pulses) to flood refugees.

"The greatest problem is the shortage of potable water," *Mr Rahman said. All the tube* wells which supplied safe water are now submerged.

"It is a miracle that marooned people have been drinking flood water and still surviving." But he emphasized that Oxfam was concerned that a serious epidemic could still break out.

Meanwhile, government officials and heads of Western diplomatic missions and aid agencies met separately yesterday to seek the most effective quick response to save millions from the threat of *starvation as water continued* to rise in the central Bangladesh rivers — the Ganges, Lower Brahmaputra and Kumar.

The state-run radio said five more districts had been inundated, rendering another two million people homeless. About 200 new flood shelters had to be opened in schools which had been closed by the emergency.

The drowning of a 100 people travelling on a boat which sank on Wednesday pushed the death toll in the *floods to above 450.*

● DONQOLA: At the earth airstrip serving Sudan's northern region, cut off for weeks by floods, hundreds of people stormed a Libyan aircraft on *Wednesday desperate to fly to* Khartoum, where relief distribution is considered better (Reuter reports).

As the rear door opened the crowd that had waited patiently in the blistering heat burst through a police cordon and fought their way on board. Police used whips and clubs to drive the desperate would-be *passengers out.*

21 die in Yugoslav bus crash

Belgrade (Reuter) — Divers have recovered 21 bodies after a Yugoslav coach plunged into a reservoir and a further nine people are missing and feared dead, police said yesterday.

A police spokesman at the scene of the crash, near Jablanica, central Yugoslavia, said 14 survivors were in hospital but none critically injured.

The Yugoslav news agency *Tanjug said the coach*, which apparently hit a pile of bricks and swerved off the road, was carrying at least 41 workers from the Branko Krsmanovic textile factory at Paracin in the republic of Serbia.

Freedom day

Hanoi (AFP) — Vietnam has released 5,083 prisoners, including 30 former military officers and officials of the defeated Saigon regime, to mark the country's national day, a foreign ministry spokesman said.

Hunt for sub

Stockholm (Reuter) — The Swedish Navy dropped depth charges in a west coast fjord in an intensified hunt for a suspected foreign submarine, a military spokesman said.

Marcos sale

Manila (AP) — The Philippine Government will sell an estate in Long Island, USA, allegedly owned by ousted President Marcos, to a New Jersey company for £2.3 million and *use the money to help finance* land reform, officials said.

Everest death

Peking (AFP) — Police officer Daniel Bovero, part of a French expedition attempting to climb Mount Everest from the Tibetan side, died at his team's base camp, apparently from a heart attack, the French Embassy here said.

Heart surgery

The Greek Prime Minister, Mr Andreas Papandreou, aged 69, will undergo heart surgery next week in London, Greek and British doctors decided.

Picking up the pieces in war-shattered Gulf

Kuwait in search of friends and a measure of democracy

From Michael Hamlyn, Kuwait

The sigh of relief that went up in this desert kingdom when the ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war became effective could be heard throughout the length of the Gulf itself. And now the tension over whether peace will actually come is higher here than almost anywhere else in the world.

Kuwait's diplomatic efforts are being bent towards making friends with absolutely everybody. The First Deputy Prime Minister from Iraq was in the capital this week, bearing confidences from President Saddam Hussein. A Kuwaiti delegation has been in Tehran, seeking to reopen the embassy there, which was stormed and burnt after the riots in Mecca last year.

The purchase of American F18 fighters has just been announced, and almost simultaneously Kuwait's Chief of Army Staff is in the Soviet Union where his equivalent, Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev, declared that the response to any Kuwaiti request for arms would be "positive".

The country's relief shows in a message of heartfelt thanks sent by its ruler, Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmad al-Sabah, the Emir of Kuwait, to the United Nations Secretary-General: "This sincere and constructive effort aimed at a world in which peace prevails merits our thanks, praise and appreciation."

For the Kuwaitis were the nearest neighbours to the war. When Iraqi guns pounded Iranian positions during the offensive to recapture the Fao Peninsula buildings shook and windows rattled in Kuwait. There was a constant fear that Kuwait might itself be drawn in, for the mud flats of the Kuwaiti island of Bubiyan could well have provided the Iranian Army with a convenient backdoor into Iraq.

During the course of the war not only were diplomatic relations with Iran broken off but Kuwait's lifeline to the rest of the world — the sealane past the Strait of Hormuz — was constantly threatened by Iranian warplanes and gunboats and mines. It was because of Kuwait's fears that tankers were reflagged to bring them under American and British protection. Because of Kuwait the Western powers were being inexorably drawn into the fight.

The cost of insuring the vital cargoes leaving Kuwait's harbours and warehouses and, above all, oilfields, proved a sad disincentive to trade, which was a bitter setback to a people who for 200 years and more have been the essential Arab merchants.

"I was very very happy that the war has ended," a government official said. "This war was a threat, not only to Iran and Iraq, but to all the Gulf. There was a lot of terrorism caused by this war, both externally and internally. Externally, they attacked our tankers. Internally we were attacked with bombs."

A growing number of incidents have taken place inside Kuwait during recent years, mainly carried out by a small number of Shia fanatics under the Iranian ayatollahs' influence. US airline offices have been bombed, and a year ago a serious fire was caused at an oil storage depot by a saboteur who died in the blast. There is also some relief at the fact that Iran is probably no longer in the business of exporting revolution.

Relations have not always been wonderful with Iraq either, though they have moved ahead of the time in 1961 when the Emir felt obliged to call in British troops for three months to fend off Iraqi attentions.

But the internal effect of the war has not been limited to security. The country's fledgling democracy was abruptly terminated when the National Assembly was suspended in 1986. "Conditions existing in the region" were given as the excuse, but personal attacks on establishment figures by the deputies were the cause.

There are some hopes among observers that if peace holds a certain amount of democratic freedom may be restored.

● GENEVA: Mr Jan Eliasson, the Swedish delegate to the United Nations, is to replace Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General as mediator in the Iran-Iraq peace negotiations in New York, it was announced here yesterday.

Ozal offers haven to Kurds fleeing Iraq attacks

From Rasit Gurdilek in Ankara

Mr Turgut Ozal, the Turkish Prime Minister, yesterday offered thousands of Iraqi Kurdish refugees temporary asylum, and possibly a new home, as they fled across the border to escape an Iraqi military offensive.

Emerging from a Cabinet meeting, Mr Ozal promised emergency measures to alleviate the problems of "those who have crossed the border to take refuge in Turkey" and to attend to their needs of *settlement, health services* and accommodation. Mr Ozal said it was "a humane duty to extend a helping hand to those who say they were running away from death".

The surprise move appeared to be aimed at silencing foreign critics of Turkey's human rights record and at increasing the ruling Motherland Party's popularity among the country's estimated nine million Kurds.

Reports from the border area, where Mr Ozal said at least 40,000 refugees had sought asylum, painted a grim picture of worried women and men huddling together and emaciated mothers nursing babies.

Many refugees had horror stories to recount of Iraqi aerial bombardment and the use of chemical bombs.

The left-wing Istanbul daily *Cumhuriyet* described the plight of a woman, named Serve, clutching a child, who was desperately searching new arrivals for news of her four missing children. They reportedly fled during a chemical weapons attack and were not seen again, although the mother believed they were alive and had joined other groups on the trek to Turkey. Her husband remained behind to fight.

Young Kurdish men attempting to cross the border are scrutinized by Turkish commandos or police teams searching for members of the banned Kurdistan Workers' Party, who have been waging a four-year guerrilla war against Ankara for an independent Kurdish state.

In spite of the Turkish pledge to give emergency assistance to the refugees, the influx has caused the instant emergence of a black market in food.

There is little independent information on what is happening in Iraq, but Kurdish sources said that the number of people killed in the offensive, mostly by mustard gas, had doubled to about 10,000 in the past three days.

French Army 'man of steel' charged with hitchhiker's torture

From Philip Jacobson
Paris

Three weeks ago, gendarmes on a routine patrol near Macon chanced upon a Volkswagen camper parked in a country lane. In it was a young man from Hungary, a tourist who had hitched a lift the previous day with the vehicle's owner, Sergeant-Major Pierre Chanal.

For the next 20 hours, he had been subjected to a terrifying ordeal at the hands of the French Army veteran: raped, beaten, half-strangled with a knotted bootlace while the sergeant-major's video camera recorded every detail of his anguish.

Placed under arrest, Seregant-Major Chanal, a commando-trained physical fitness instructor, gave police his name, rank and number, then refused to say another word. But the search of his van had turned up a pair of man's underpants marked "Made in Britain", and suddenly the case took an even more sinister turn, raising the possibility that the 44-year-old warrant officer might also hold the key to the fate of eight young men — mostly conscript soldiers — who have gone missing in an area which the French tabloid press had already nicknamed the "triangle of death".

Most of the mysterious disappearances have occured around Mourmelon, a garrison town in the Marne department, north-east of Paris, where Seregant Major Chanal's élite regiment, the 4th Dragoons, is based.

Three of the missing men belonged to the same unit, as did a fourth whose decomposed body was discovered. Two other soldiers stationed in the vicinity have never been seen again since setting off on a day's leave, nor has a young civilian from the same area.

Then there is Trevor O'Keefe, a 20-year-old Irishman, who went missing two years ago during a hitch-hiking trip that took him through the region and whose body was subsequently found in a wood in the Aisne region. He had been savagely beaten, then strangled with a cord knotted in a special fashion taught to French commando troops.

According to police sources, the pants discovered in the sergeant-major's vehicle almost certainly belonged to O'Keefe, whose close-cropped hair made him resemble one of the many conscripts to be found thumbing lifts in the area.

The sources have told French journalists that all the disappearances occurred towards the end of the week, usually around 6.00 pm; Sergeant-Major Chanal usually went off duty at 5.30 pm and his camper had been seen in the vicinity on every occasion.

French newspapers also point out that no young men had gone missing around Mourmelon between January and May of 1985, when Sergeant-Major Chanal was serving in Lebanon. Although he was later transferred to a new post in 1986, he came back regularly to Mourmelon to practise with the local parachute club.

So much for the circumstantial evidence, freely reported by French newspapers under headlines like *"L'adjutant sadique de Mourmelon"* (and usually including a reference to his known preference for male company).

It was left to *Le Canard Enchaîné*, the satirical weekly, to examine the French military's role in this strange affair.

Up to the day of the sergeant-major's arrest, any suggestion that the disappearances might be linked, that there really might be a "triangle of death" around Mourmelon was dismissed out of hand by the authorities.

Distraught families were informed brusquely that their boys *must have deserted, that the Army* had wiped its hands of them.

When the parents of Serge Havet tried to distribute leaflets protesting against the Army administration's lack of concern about their son's fate at an Army open day in Mourmelon, they were seized by military police, insulted and hustled off the base.

As *Le Canard Enchaîné* points out, Sergeant-Major Chanal's career epitomized the toughness and dedication to duty expected from the men in France's élite regiments.

Even after his arrest in connection with the attacks on the young Hungarian, fellow soldiers had been full of praise for this "archetypal warrior ..fs1. man of steel ... model warrant officer".

From Sergeant-Major Chanal himself, not one word beyond name, rank and number, in accordance with the Geneva Convention. As the gendarmes now trying to crack him will have discovered, among the many military courses which he passed with flying colours was one which taught the art of resisting intense interrogation.

SPECTRUM

David Tytler talks to Kenneth Baker about the Secretary of State's ambitions for British education

HARRY KERR



Main with a mission: Kenneth Baker says he "wants to see a new pride in our schools, where teachers, parents and pupils say, 'This is my school . . . *my* school'"

A word from the master

When the country's schools return next week they will move into the first stages of parent power and begin preparations for the even more sweeping changes under the Education Reform Act to be introduced over the next three years. The Times *asked Kenneth Baker to assess his two and a half years as Secretary of State for Education and report on his hopes for the future.*

David Tytler: What are your memories of your first few months as Secretary of State?

Kenneth Baker: When I came in, the education service in the country was in a series of crises. There was a whole series of bushfires that had to be put out. There was the teachers' strike nationally in the schools, and I had big problems in the first few months dealing with the resolution of that strike, and that tends to be forgotten now. The big crisis was the strike, and I was doorstepped when I left the department every day with people saying, "What's happening? What are you going to do about the strike?" And as the crisis continued I had to make the decision about the GCSE: should we start it or not? I was quite sure we should.

Did you have some difficulties with your colleagues about the GCSE?

No, the decision to go ahead with GCSE had already been taken by Keith Joseph. I had to decide the timing for the exams actually to take place this year. I am absolutely sure my decision was right, because there have been definite improvements in teaching.

Do you think the exam boards were right to attempt to compare standards with previous GCE results?

I think such comparisons have to be tackled very carefully, to be taken with a pinch of salt, because one of the first things you learn in education is that you should never rely on one set of results and comparisons are quite difficult. But what they seem to have confirmed is the views of the inspectors that there has been a distinct improvement in the quality of teaching, particularly in the sciences and technology. The different teaching methods that accompany GCSE, with greater emphasis on course work, the more practical approach, is exactly a GCSE benefit, and I think there is little doubt about that.

But won't the real test of standards be in two years' time, when these children take their A-levels?

Yes, but people seem to think the A-levels are frozen. The A-levels themselves are changing, becoming more practical. I am committed to the A-level courses becoming broader. The introduction of the AS level [Advanced Supplementary, which can be completed in half the time of the standard A-level course] has widened the scope of courses for the sixth-formers. One university has said it will accept them as entry qualifications alongside two A-levels. The sixth-form course has been too narrow, largely because that is what the universities have demanded. But there is no question of watering down standards.

'Even those who are academically gifted will have to roll up their sleeves and learn some craft. We have for too long underestimated the importance of craft skills'

Do you think the teachers are up to the job you want them to do?

The way they have worked hard at the GCSE and the way they have transformed teaching shows that it can be done. Some are, and some are not. I am very impressed with the young people I meet at the training colleges, and I am sure that quite a few of the people who entered the teaching profession 20 or 30 years ago would find it more difficult to be a teacher today. I would leave it at that. But I am very encouraged by all that is happening in teacher training today, and I don't know of any profession that now has so much opportunity for training.

"Parent power" is a key part of the new reforms. How do you answer your critics who say that parents have power while they do what the Secretary of State wants, but once they decide they don't want to do that any more, the power goes back to the Secretary of State?

I have been accused of wanting to keep control at the centre. But when schools have the power to run themselves, in controlling their own budgets — and I don't think the full impact of this is properly understood yet — when the polytechnics can run their own affairs, that is real freedom. I will put various things in place, like the National Curriculum Council, to set the guidelines, but everything is pushing power away from the centre down to the schools, with the department becoming more of a secretariat.

I have for the first time introduced competition into education, with the city technical colleges, and the grant-maintained schools. Schools will go out and sell themselves. I want to see a new pride in our schools, where teachers, parents and pupils say, "This is my school . . . *my* school". I have certainly given the parents a great opportunity, should they wish to use it, to take part in the running of the schools. I think many will. And I do not think it will just be from the middle class suburbs. Parents in the inner cities are ambitious for their children and care tremendously about their education, living their lives through their child. I am determined that these children, and in the ethnic community too, should do well.

Do you have any indication yet whether sufficient parents are coming forward to volunteer as governors?

I visit schools every week and I usually find a great deal of enthusiasm among the parents. I shall be very disappointed if insufficient parents come forward. They must come forward, or it could fall apart. And I think they will. I do get this sense that out there there is a great will for these changes.

How worried are you that a school could be hijacked by a group of parents?

Well, you never know where democracy is going to go, do you? As Mr Gorbachov is no doubt discovering in Russia. But I am quite convinced that we should devolve power on behalf of the children.

Do you have any idea yet of how many schools will want to opt out, and do you think that some will use it as a way of trying to stop closures?

Not yet — we will have to wait and see, although the Grant Maintained Schools Trust has said there is considerable interest. And, yes, some will use it to try to stop their schools being closed down or to keep their sixth forms.

Once a ballot of parents has decided that they want to opt out, what criteria would you set before agreeing that they can?

Firstly I would have to judge the real strength of the support for opting out and would then examine the governors' plans for the school and determine whether or not they could actually run the school.

Where will you be turning your attentions now?

The focus has been mainly on the schools and next year will see a greater emphasis on higher education. In future there will a lot more contract funding, not in the way the critics view it but in a way that is constructive and relevant. And I am a great proponent of urging people to get more money from outside. In the 1920s the universities got about 20 per cent of their funding centrally, at its height in the 1960s it was up to about 80 per cent, now it is about 55 per cent. The way higher education is going to respond to the new demands is going to be very important. The polytechnics and some of the universities are already very good at this. The polytechnics are very sure-footed and have put together some very good courses, while some of the older universities have been a bit flat footed. They are now going to have to catch up.

So now you are going to get the universities by the scruff of the neck?

Well I wouldn't use that phrase.

There are fears that the Universities Funding Council will dictate to the universities the types of graduates they should produce.

We are undertaking a survey of manpower needs to see where the skill shortages will be in the 1990s and that is very important. The record for prediction has not been spectacularly successful in the past, but I am concerned with skill shortages. The National Curriculum will mean that boys and girls cannot opt out of technology until they are 16, which means that even those who are academically gifted will have to roll up their sleeves and learn some craft. We have for far too long in our country underestimated the importance of craft skills.

Do you think you might now go some way towards mending bridges with the teachers' unions?

Well, if they want to mend bridges, I am quite happy to, and I will be talking to them soon about the new pay structure. But I think perhaps the unions, too, should begin to look at their role. Somewhere some time ago, say 20 years ago, I think the teaching profession took a wrong turning. I think they would have been better had they gone the professional route, rather like the doctors and the BMA. I think it is probably too late now, as there are too many unions in a relatively small profession all trying to attract members.

It is a recurring theme of your critics that you are in too much of a hurry, and that there are occasional blemishes which you put right later . . .

The impertinence of my critics [laughing]. I have heard it said. When you engage in a venture like this you do have to take it at pace, first to get it on the statute book. Then I set up the Schools Examination Council, the University Funding Council, the National Curriculum Council, the working parties on maths and science. But I now have to implement the Act, and that is why I am pleased to be staying on here, to see it through and not move on to something else. My first priority now is to see that the National Curriculum is bedded in and effective. If I do nothing else in political life, I want to be remembered for making this work.

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Addiction is not essential, but it helps

There are some familiar faces in the national final of *The Times* annual crossword championship

One of the most famous solvers of *The Times* crossword puzzle is Sir John Gielgud, still an addict at the age of 84. He started doing crosswords in 1944 "when one of the electricians at the Haymarket, where I was acting at the time, staggered me by his crossword expertise," he wrote to me recently in a beautiful hand.

"He could also follow a cue sheet by the lines in a Shakespeare play without referring to numbers" — this from a long familiarity with Shakespearian seasons at the Old Vic.

"Since that time," Sir John concluded, "I have found the crosswords a sovereign therapy during endless hours of waiting about while filming and during television."

Nearly all the competitors in the forthcoming national final of *The Times* Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship are equally compulsive addicts and some, like Sir David Hunt, the retired ambassador, have been at it longer — 55 years or so. Others started even younger: Valerie Law, a Conservative party agent from Wincanton, began at 10, and Martin Rupp, a schoolmaster from Canterbury, cut his teeth on the *Evening News* picture crossword at seven.

One of this year's finalists, the youngest person ever to qualify for the championship, David Armitage, will not be able to take part as he has just left for the United States to take up a Harkness Fellowship at Princeton. He started doing crosswords when he was 15, qualified for the championship at 16, and would have made the national final but for a single error.

At least two of this year's finalists have competed in the championship every year since it began in 1970, except for 1982, when it was not held. During this time Dr John Sykes, the Oxford lexicographer, has won the championship eight times, even though he refrains from competing in the year immediately after a victory, to give the others a chance. (This is not one of his fallow years.)

As usual, the two callings that have produced the most finalists this year are teaching and computing. Other fields represented are the Civil Service, local government, publishing and the arts.

With such experienced competitors, any flaw in the puzzles is likely to be mercilessly exposed. Thus a Glasgow competitor appealed successfully for her alternative solution to the clue "Quick as a pedestrian who survives the traffic". AGILE, she pointed out, was just as apt as the official ALIVE. (When we published the puzzle we altered the clue to "Quick as a pedestrian who thus gets out of traffic".)

At Leeds more than one competitor tried to get away with the spelling AQABA for "Port also known as the sailor's retreat," but AKABA prevailed because "aka" is the recognised abbreviation for "also known as".

Some of the Leeds competitors had more reason to feel aggrieved with the clue "Standards for the French backing a horse". The answer was LABARA (La/Arab rev), the plural of *labarum*, the Emperor Constantine's imperial standard. Several competitors guessed lebara, which a more precise clue could have obviated.

The first puzzle in the London B final brought down some highly-fancied competitors who were setting too fast a pace. Rushing at the clue "Warning to bridge opponents in club", they put BEWARE instead of MENACE (East and North in mace), convinced that the answer must involve the East-West combination so beloved of crossword compilers.

And in the last puzzle of the day the favourite, Michael Wareham, the Scottish headmaster who was the 1986 champion and appeared to have an unassailable lead, was bowled by a googly. The clue was "Altered, perhaps, about one stone," an anagram of *perhaps* round *i*, giving SAPPHIRE, but calculated by the setter to send competitors round the bend looking for an anagram of *altered* and *i*.

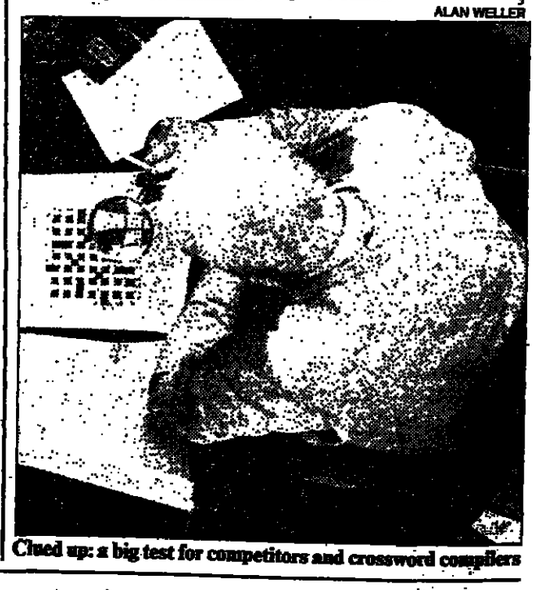
The 24 competitors, including two women who refused to be seduced into error by the compilers and who were quickest about it, will meet at the national final at the Park Lane Hotel, London, on Sunday, September 11. The prizes include a Waterford crystal trophy for the winner, Harrods gift tokens and books.

Spectators are welcome, and they will be able to tackle the same puzzles as the finalists with prizes for the fastest correct solutions. There will also be other word games between the puzzles. Entry is free, and there is room for 300 spectators (advance booking is not necessary). Doors close at 1.45.

John Grant

● *The author is crossword editor of* The Times.

ALAN WELLER



Clued up: a big test for competitors and crossword compilers

SCIENCE REPORT

Once-great lake facing a slow, salty death

A far-reaching Soviet scheme to irrigate some of its parched central plains may have succeeded only in exchanging one arid desert for another. Diversion of water from feeder rivers has pushed the Aral Sea, a thousand miles north of Iran, from fourth to sixth biggest lake in the world, and has turned its surroundings into a sterile salt-flat.

Glasnost has permitted long-standing critics of the grandiose irrigation plan to make their fears known, but their efforts may be too late; some are saying that the Aral Sea is in an irreversible decline, and in a few decades will be reduced to a handful of briny, lifeless lakes.

The Aral Sea has no outlets, and its level is determined by a balance between water supplied to it, principally by the Syr-Dar'ya and Amu-Dar'ya rivers, and water lost by evaporation. Local irrigation of a piecemeal kind has been practised for thousands of years, but since 1956 water from the Amu-Dar'ya has been increasingly diverted by canal to the Kara-Kum desert, several hundred miles to the south. A series of dry years in the early 1970s further reduced the water supply, so that by last year the Aral Sea covered only about two-thirds of the surface area it had in 1960.

According to Philip Micklin, a geographer from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Soviet scientists in the 1960s mostly discounted the possibility of serious damage from the shrinking of the Aral Sea. Writing in this week's issue of the US journal *Science*, he reports official statements claiming that new vegetation would soon take over any exposed lake-bed, and that any minor changes to the environment would be amply compensated by new agricultural production from the irrigated lands.

There were critics of these schemes from the start, but according to Micklin there was a news blackout over the whole region during the 1960s. Writers and unauthorized scientists were refused permission to visit. But since Mikhail Gorbachov came to power, the extent of environmental destruction in the area has been reported in Soviet journals and newspapers.

Contrary to the blithe early predictions, shrubs and trees that grew prolifically in the river deltas of the Amu-Dar'ya and the Syr-Dar'ya have vanished and the lake-bed exposed by the receding waters has become a barren expanse of salt. Worse, the powdery surface of the salt beds is easily swept up by the winds, and satellite photographs have revealed vast clouds that deposit salt hundreds of miles away, sometimes on areas irrigated by the diverted water. How much agricultural damage this has caused is not clear, but some of Micklin's Soviet colleagues have said it is "considerable".

The damage is not limited to agriculture. The local hunting and trapping industry has disappeared as animals have lost their habitats; the increasingly saline Aral Sea no longer supports a useful fishing industry; drinking water for the local population is harder to find; and even the weather has changed — as the moderating influence of the shrinking inland sea has declined, summers have become hotter and winters colder, and the growing season has been shortened.

If nothing is changed the Aral Sea will have virtually disappeared by 2010, leaving behind only three small lakes, two or three times saltier than the ocean and sterile. Although public discussion in the past few years has led the Soviet Government to admit to the problems and ponder solutions, it is by no means clear, according to Micklin, that a realistic solution can be achieved.

The diverted waters of the Amu-Dar'ya now support a booming agricultural region, which the Russians cannot afford to abandon. And, ironically, a plan to resupply the Aral Sea via a canal from Siberia has fallen into disfavour because of the ecological damage it might do elsewhere. Some pessimistic Soviet scientists are now saying that the Aral Sea is as good as dead, and that the best to be hoped for is a partial reclamation of some of the river deltas.

David Lindley

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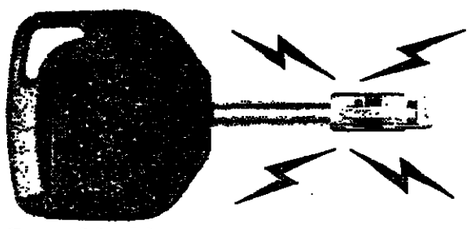
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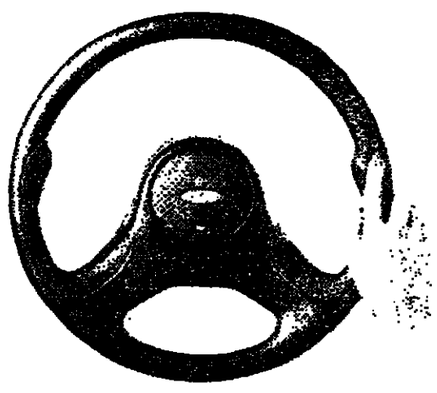
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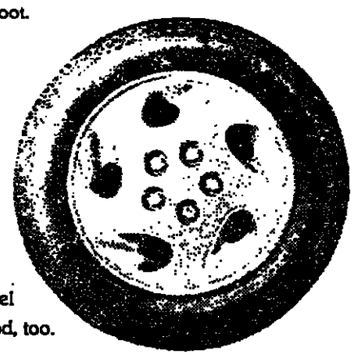
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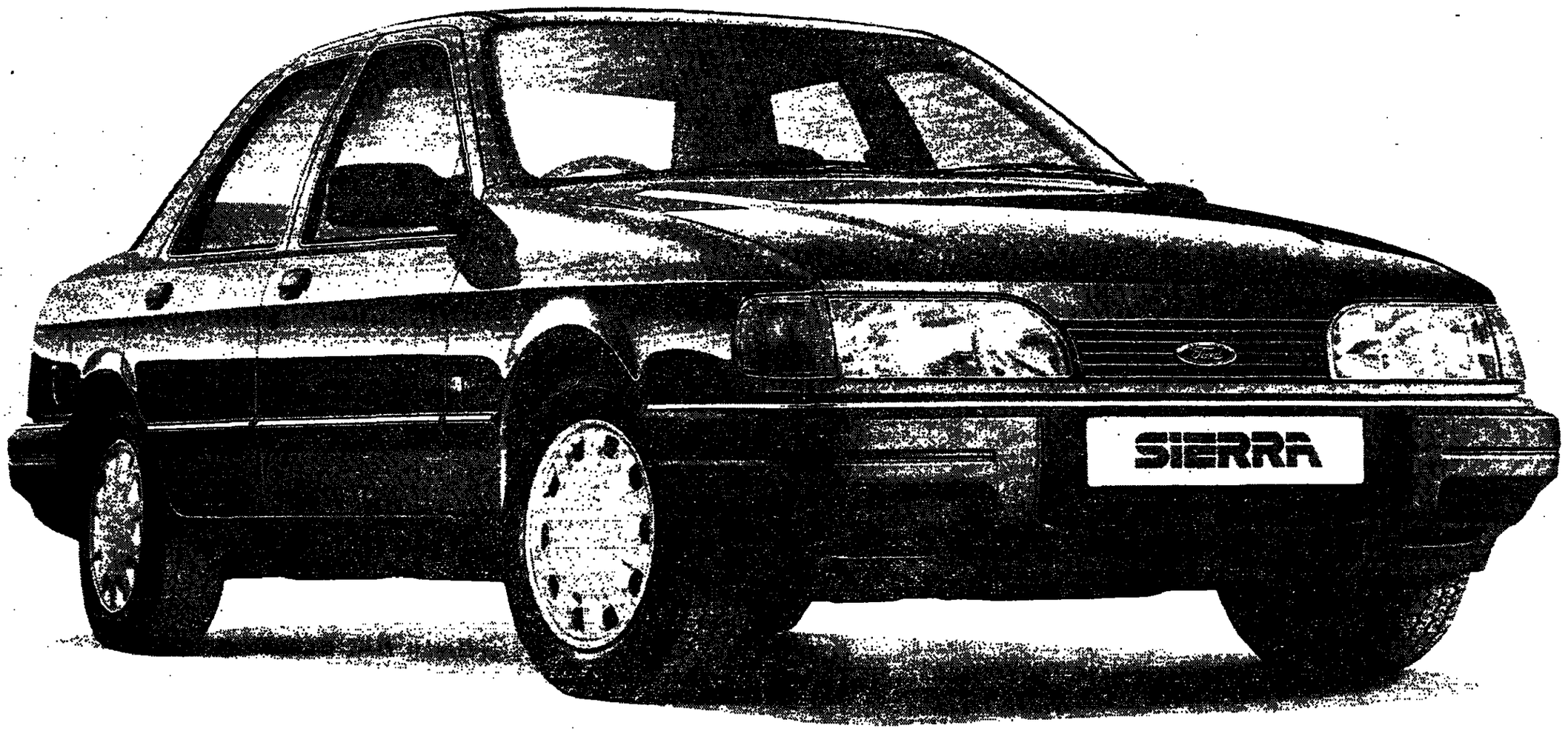
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TIMES DIARY

DAVID WALKER

Here's one for conspiracy theorists. As well as selling off its cemeteries to property developers for token sums, and providing a backdrop for Lady Porter's municipal pageantry (she is going to become mayor next year), Westminster City Council plays a walk-on role in keeping the nation safe and secure. When the Security Service wants a manhole lifted here, access to a foreign embassy there, a tree branch cut there (to secure the line of sight from a telephoto lens), a word in an ear at City Hall gets the job done with minimum fuss.

But what if Westminster were not safely Conservative? Even if Westminster's socialists were moderation personified, the Special Branch and the Security Service, indeed the Metropolitan Police, might not get quite the assistance they now receive. On current electoral arithmetic the outcome of the next elections to the council, in 1990, could hang on a few score votes in a single ward. Worse, Westminster, with the rest of local government, sends out its first poll-tax bills in April 1990, a matter of weeks before polling, and those bills could, even in frugal Westminster, be disastrously high — Westminster is likely to be badly hurt by recent housing finance measures.

Here's the conspiracy. Look out for special adjustments in the rate support grant for inner London in 1990. They may well be advertised as government generosity towards the deprived folk of Hammersmith and Hoxton, but if there is money in there allowing Westminster to keep its poll-tax bills down, it might, just might, be due to some discreet lobbying by chaps from MI5.

In his book on the Home Office, its former permanent secretary, Sir Frank Newsam, described it as the department for the things no one else wants to do or cares about. Which explains why the signature of the present permanent secretary, Sir Clive Whitmore, appears on a decree from Buckingham Palace changing the pecking order among the civic dignitaries for royal visits (the Home Secretary having a residual role as announcer of things royal). The missive, causing a fuss in local authorities with nothing better to do, downgrades the lord mayor by placing him or her after the chairmen of county councils; previously the lord mayor ranked as number three behind the lord lieutenant and the high sheriff. Oh, what power have permanent secretaries at the Home Office.

Over my dead body, is the far from positive reaction of a highly placed figure in one department to the suggestion that the Prime Minister's Efficiency Unit will be scrutinizing the new agencies being set up to take over Whitehall work. And that poses a problem for the unit, set up in 1979 by Lord Rayner to carry the managerial revolution into Whitehall's darkest corners. If it doesn't scrutinize the agencies what will it do? Next month the Prime Minister gets a new Efficiency Adviser, Sir Angus Fraser, but the unit is shortly to lose its head, Kate Jenkins, sister of the journalist Simon, who is moving on. Fraser has yet to accept the idea that agencies are off limits to his scrutineers.

BARRY FANTONI



'And his guests tonight are a magistrate, an arresting officer, and Terry's new chauffeur'

Nicholas Ridley might have decreed that Sheffield have an urban development corporation, but the spirit hovering over the Lower Don Valley during the next few years is going to that of his exiled predecessor, Michael Heseltine.

It is extraordinary how, nearly six years after he left the environment department, the minister is still around as a mobilizing memory. Keith Beaumont, moving next week from the department's Leeds regional office to take over as chief executive of the Sheffield UDC, still has in mind a picture of the minister with the golden mane leaping from a helicopter demanding action . . . bricks to be laid, people to be employed, a landscape to be restored. That Heseltinian sense of government and populace working together for economic regeneration comes over when Beaumont talks of the corporation's ambitions.

After a career in the Civil Service, Beaumont is currently in charge of inner-city initiatives in Yorkshire and Humberside, where among other tasks he oversaw the dismemberment of the West and South Yorkshire metropolitan counties. He might, as a former official, be expected to run the Sheffield UDC in cahoots with his department. He just might, as a 52-year-old taking the job on a contract that will see him to retirement age, cut loose and try and construct something of a personal monument along the River Don. He has already earmarked the spot on the valley sides where he'd like a public viewing platform built so that people can come along at intervals and chart progress.

There is a lot of urban pride in Sheffield, on which Beaumont will try to capitalize. They don't take kindly to the idea of an imposed government agency, so he will have a job of persuasion. But Beaumont has insisted on the appointment of a community director to ease the corporation's way into Sheffield's heart.

The Sheffield UDC has £50 million to spend over seven years, and no fixed plan yet on the balance in the corporation area between new industry, housing, shops and parkland; being near the M1 there will be pressure for warehousing, which does not bring many jobs. Beaumont's ambition is simple, and Heseltinian: it is for Sheffield to look at what has been done in the valley, and say "we showed the world".

Tim Jones on a TUC Congress coming to terms with divorce

The year of disunion

A week today, the brethren who speak for nine million people in Britain will link arms and sing Auld Lang Syne, signalling the end of the 120th TUC Congress. Unfortunately for the organization, old acquaintances cannot be forgotten; trade union leaders are going through a painful divorce, and there is no settlement in sight.

The electricians' union, the EETPU, is likely to be expelled from the movement, and the loss of 335,000 members that will mean threatens to set union against union in a bitter contest over recruitment. The TUC may also have effectively severed its last official link with the Government by refusing to co-operate with its £1.5 billion training programme. The contrast between now and the Wilson years of union influence could scarcely be greater.

The reality behind the TUC Congress is a Britain in which trade union membership is declining at a faster rate than jobs are being created. Even in the Labour heartlands, such as Scotland, the trend among high-technology companies is towards new-style unionism to match.

Union leaders are painfully aware of this, which is why many are equipping their organizations to cope with the demographic and employment changes that will take place in the 1990s. The Institute for Economic Research predicts that by 1995 1.7 million new jobs will have been created. Two thirds will be part time and more than a million held by women.

Many of the TUC affiliates are determined to shed their macho image in favour of a softer and more sensitive service-orientated look. They believe this is the way to unionize the new work-force.

Even the mighty transport union, which has been assailed by its critics as the dinosaur of trade unionism, is now offering women members free screech alarms, advice on how to deal with unpleasant and inebriated men at work and a range of TGWU merchandise which includes scarves and cutlery.

As John Edmonds, general secretary of the General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trade Union, makes clear, unions must now cater for the growing number of workers who no longer regard collectivism as relevant or necessary. It is for these people that the GMB, along with many other unions, has adopted the formula — pioneered by the electricians — of offering members a range of benefits, from free legal services to cut-price mortgages and union credit cards.

The TUC is also changing the concept of its role. Its long, worthy but monotonous economic reports have been consigned to the dustbin. Congress is now focusing on those areas where it can exert real influence: among them health and safety, the inner cities, and the European trading union which comes into effect in 1992.

David Lea, assistant general-secretary of the TUC, believes the movement may have to change out of all recognition if the trend towards mergers and mega-unions continues. Instead of a central headquarters, Lea now questions whether the movement might not be better served if it offered its range of services and benefits on a rotating basis, under the auspices of the four or five biggest unions.

Instead of congratulating one another on the steps they have taken towards innovation and reform — and looking to the future — trade union leaders will arrive at Bournemouth in a mood of mutual recrimination.

Any success over the past year, which was dedicated to making the movement more attractive to potential members, has been obscured by the shadow of Eric Hammond. Union leaders have become obsessed with his EETPU and its refusal to abide by a TUC disputes committee order that it should withdraw from two single-union, no-strike deals with Orion Electric and Christian Salvesen. The essence of the argument is that the EETPU said it would not withdraw from agreements freely entered into, while the TUC says its rules must be obeyed or there would be anarchy.

So as Hammond leaves the TUC on Monday, probably for the last time, the movement will be forced to consider the unthinkable, a direct challenge to its authority from a large union which will exist outside TUC rules.

Hammond believes that other unions will eventually accept the strike-free agreement as a legitimate means of expanding the boundaries of trade unionism. He argues that the choice is not between traditional unionism and new realism but between his brand of unionism or none at all.

Most trade union leaders do not accept this argument. In the meantime they will take their disagreement with Hammond to the shop floor, where there is likely to be hard-fought competition for members.

In this fight the attitude of the employers is likely to tip the balance in favour of the electricians. The trend towards single-union, strike-free agreements also favours the electricians. But the position of management may be equivocal. In multi-union plants management will be in no mood to alienate the majority of trade union representatives for the sake of the electricians.

Rod Thomas, director of employment at the Confederation of British Industry, argues that most employers will refuse to be dictated to on which unions they should recognize.

He believes that unions which club together to try to isolate the electricians in collective bargaining are unlikely to win, and in some cases could risk losing to the EETPU altogether. This could force the TUC to speed up its reforms to incorporate Hammond-style unionism.

It is not enough to shed an image and offer new services. So long as the electricians are outside the mainstream of trade unionism, however, division rather than unity will be centre stage, for the simple reason that the TUC will keep it there.

The TUC needs the electricians more than the electricians need the TUC. This is the single most compelling argument for further change.

Paul Wilkinson

Taking the war to the terrorist

The successful operation against the IRA murder squad in County Tyrone delivered a crushing blow against the terrorists. It provided dramatic proof of the Government's resolve to improve counter-terrorist measures in the wake of the cowardly bombing of young soldiers in a bus near Omagh.

It is now clear that the security review which following that bombing has convinced the Government that a major offensive is needed. It is widely understood that only a powerful multi-pronged strategy — military, legal, political, psychological and economic — can succeed. But we should be inspired by the knowledge that other democracies such as Italy, West Germany and France have triumphed over terrorist organisations without sacrificing their democratic process. I believe the Prime Minister's confidence that we can defeat the IRA is justified. The Government knows the strategy to achieve this: what is needed now are the means to realize that goal.

We must follow up the success of Drumnakilly with a sustained push against the terrorists on all fronts. This means giving the war against the IRA the highest priority in the government agenda — defeat of the IRA would be the greatest single achievement of Mrs Thatcher's leadership.

A key problem has been that after each major IRA outrage there is a flurry of fresh security activity, but this soon gives way to a policy of containment. The Government must not allow this to happen. We must never again allow our security forces to be placed in the position of purely reacting to terrorist action. The Army and police must enhance their intelligence co-ordination to let them go on the offensive.

This is the clearest lesson of the army actions at Loughgall and Drumnakilly. When the IRA loses key members it is a great setback, for they do not have an endless supply of highly trained terrorists. Each IRA member is a significant investment and many potential recruits will be deterred when they see the fate of those who try to take on the security forces.



Turning point: the coach bomb that killed so many soldiers in County Tyrone last week has concentrated political and military minds

Nor do such operations imply that the security forces are operating outside the law. The enforcement of justice in a terrorist conflict demands the strengthening of the forces of law to deal with the threat at an appropriate level of minimum force. Minimum force against ruthless, heavily armed IRA murder squads demands that the security forces can defend themselves and innocent civilians by using their weapons in self defence. It would be suicidal for an army or police commander in such circumstances to ask his men to hold fire until the gunmen have been asked to accompany them to the police station.

The prerequisite for such operations is high calibre intelligence gathering, analysis, and co-ordination. Co-ordination still needs considerable improvement in Northern Ireland. The Prime Minister must take urgent steps to prevent rivalries and differing methods between agencies getting in the way of effective counter-terrorism.

There is also a crucial link between sentencing policy and the flow of high quality intelligence. RUC rewards for information, the police informer system and the confidential telephone are all useful, but they are not enough. In 1977 the RUC charged 1,308 people with serious terrorist offences, including 131 for murder. Last year only 468 people were charged with such offences, including only 28 for murder. The Government should urgently consider introducing far tougher sentences for terrorism and abolishing the 50% remission in Northern Ireland, which makes a mockery of the law.

If sentences were really severe, if life meant life, the Government could introduce a system such as the Repentant Law which helped the Italian government to defeat the Red Brigade terrorists in the early 1980s. We should offer real inducements of remission to terrorists prepared to give concrete information.

In conjunction with this much greater protection would need to be given to members of the judiciary, informers, and their families. If this costs more police resources and overtime so be it. One invaluable measure, already promised by the Government, is a strengthening of the law to enable the courts to convict those who handle IRA cash, assets and money from racketeering, but the means to enforce this requires a considerable increase in manpower for the RUC anti-racketeering squad.

The interception of two terrorist suspects near the West German border is an excellent example of another important strand in the winning strategy against the IRA. We desperately need enhanced co-operation with our European allies and the United States to staunch the flow of IRA cash and weapons and to catch terrorist cells.

But the most important form of international co-operation is bilateral action with the Dublin government. Political advance towards a power-sharing devolved government in Northern Ireland has been painfully slow. But this is mainly because continuing terrorism has tended to polarize the situation and weakness in cross-border security co-operation has therefore served to delay the progress we need at the political level.

We need a revolutionary improvement in the level of cross-border security co-operation. For example, it is absurd that the Irish and British armies cannot communicate directly by radio. There must be a power of hot pursuit of terrorists on both sides of the border. Irish security forces also lack the basic resources needed to carry out their side of the cross border security task; we must find some way, perhaps through a European Community anti-terror fund, to help them.

Nor can we be satisifed with the resources available in all departments of our Northern Ireland security forces. Much more money must be spent on increasing RUC manpower. The Army urgently needs more helicopters to carry out its key tasks of surveillance, and transporting weapons and soldiers into the border outposts.

If Dublin does not show the will to co-operate wholeheartedly in cross-border security they should understand that the Government will be compelled to take unilateral measures.

Some of these measures would be unpalatable and would be a temporary setback to Anglo-Irish relations. But Dublin must realize that the British will not be able to avoid such measures if the situation appeared to be descending into civil war. Selective internment is an option that can never be discounted, but I do not believe that we are yet at the point where the pressure to adopt it has become unanswerable.

Draconian measures would provide a recruiting sergeant for the IRA. If we adopt the strategy of going on the counter-offensive, improving the quality and flow of intelligence, strengthening the law to give vital assistance to the security forces and dramatically enhancing cross-border co-operation, we can avoid the politically costly measures that have been discussed in recent weeks.

If we can find the means to implement this strategy we can and will defeat the IRA.

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Commentary • ARTHUR SELDON

Stuck in the unthink-tank

Interest has recently increased in think-tanks, the independent centres of (mainly) economic research and dissemination. They raise questions about the functions of government, the Civil Service and universities and about the impact of ideas on public policy.

Think-tanks emerged essentially from anxiety about the post-war consensus on an enlarged role for the state. They re-examined the forgotten or neglected scope for the spontaneous marriage of supply and demand in the market.

It is not surprising that their scepticism about state regulation of financing, industry and welfare did not originate among embattled party politicians, nor from the conservative bureaucracy, nor from the universities.

Politicians who showed interest were exceptional. The first to inquire at the nascent Institute of Economic Affairs in the early 1960s was G.R.E. Howe, later Chancellor of the Exchequer. Sir Keith Joseph came in 1965, Jo Grimond and John Pardoe not much later. So did a member of the Wilson Cabinet, Douglas Houghton, and Frank Chapple. But politicians generally held to the consensus.

Neither did doubts among senior civil servants, if whispered to ministers, emerge in policy. Lord Croham, permanent secretary at the Treasury from 1968 to 1974, and head of the Home Civil Service 1974 to 1977, said in a celebration of the IEA's 25th year in 1981: "Only in rare instances do civil servants consider it worthwhile to study proposals which do not look like having significant political backing."

Nor did much scepticism emerge from the entrenched university faculties. Too many academics were concerned about making the consensus on financial policy and state welfare work better rather than changing it. Yet there were some brave spirits, prepared to risk the displeasure of their colleagues, who applied their expertise in IEA papers.

A think-tank may acquire ideological influence and financial strength from links, however loose, with a political party. The new think-tanks of the left may have these advantages, but there are dangers.

The IEA lacked such links. Its influence on current policy was sometimes doubted by people concerned about the urgencies of the hour. But it had the countervailing freedom to investigate the causes of economic failure, and the possible cures, that were closed to governments preoccupied with short-term measures to remove opposition criticism or industrial discontent.

The IEA pursued its studies of ultimate causes and radical solutions without regard for their "political possibility". Occasionally, academics anxious for attention to their work were disposed to dismiss its conclusions as not worth further pursuit because they might be considered "politically impossible". They were enjoined to follow their analyses wherever it led and whatever politicians might think.

There was method in this madness. By persisting with such inquiries, think-tanks can extend the agenda of government beyond short-term political calculation. Much has been attempted in the 1980s because of the long-range intellectual "artillery" fired at the consensus in the 1960s — on state pensions, hire-purchase controls, trade-union monopoly, resale price maintenance, state education and medicine, incomes policies, rent restrictions, student loans, farm subsidies and much else. They awaited John Stuart Mill's "conspiring circumstance" that makes ideas blossom into policy; a national leader of exceptional principle and will.

Think-tanks are understandably anxious to gain recognition by showing capacity to deal with current problems. The danger in this is acceptance of the fallacy that politicians are the best judges of political possibility. Yet politicians must be tempted to put the desirable after the saleable.

The economic analysis of politics indicates that it is unrealistic to expect political parties to put the long-term interests of the public before the prospect of political power. The parties cannot be expected to choose the best policies. They cannot be expected to act on the best academic advice.

This is not a criticism of the integrity of politicians, but of the political process that makes power, even for second-best policies, better than no power.

The task for think-tanks that is consistent with academic excellence and integrity is to pursue the analysis to its unpalatable conclusions, make it available to any — including politicians — interested in serving the public weal, and leave it to them to persuade their colleagues, the Press or the public of its superiority over other policies. The politician is the salesman for the scholar.

This view was developed at the IEA because of its initial liberal scepticism of the political process, strengthened by the failures of post-war Conservative and Labour governments. It was reinforced by the developing study since the late 1950s of the economics of politics, which demonstrated fundamental "government failure" to parallel those of "market failure".

Government failure, moreover, is more difficult to correct than market failure. Two recent Hobart Papers by political scientists, the American Professor William C. Mitchell and the British Professor Norman Barry, leave a sense of unease at the state of political democracy as it has degenerated when government dominates the economy.

Think-tanks must preface their prescriptive work by hard labour on the obstacles that prevent government from serving the public interest, and the solutions.

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While the Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain, and the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, were putting before Parliament the case for war, now imminent, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Cosmo Gordon Lang, spoke in the House of Lords on the moral issues.

He thought he spoke for their lordships when he said that we had no thoughts of enmity towards the German people. We believed that many, perhaps most of them, were as opposed to war as we were; but they could not speak their minds, they were not allowed to know the other side, they had been bewildered and misled by a long, elaborate, and most unscrupulous propaganda. Our feelings towards them surely were of sympathy rather than of enmity.

We were not contending for any particular form of government, deeply attached as we were to our own form of democracy. We were not contending for any direct interests of our own, save those which we shared with other nations, though indeed we must see that conceivably, if Herr Hitler's policy were to prevail, our own country and the commonwealth of nations might come within the ambit of his unbridled ambition. Surely, what we were contending for was a clear and simple moral principle and accepting a challenge which, if it was not met, would be fatal to the future of civilization itself.

Doubtless, we could not dismiss from our minds what he had once called in that House the torturing question as to whether, even in order to defend civilization, it could be right to enter on a war which, as was sometimes said, might destroy civilization as we knew it itself. But no man could foresee the character, duration, and the final result of this war, if it were war; and it might well be that these gloomy anticipations might prove to be unfounded. But, in any case, we were under an obligation of honour to Poland which we could not ignore without inflicting a sense of shame upon ourselves and our children which would haunt us for the rest of our history.

It was, indeed, hateful beyond words to think of having recourse to force when we all realized, as we must, the measure of suffering which it must entail. It would be wasting words to dwell on such a theme which lay deep in the hearts of all of us, but force had been forced upon us, and unless we were to surrender this vital principle the only way by which such force could be resisted and the right principle defended was counter-force. For, plainly, Herr Hitler was incapable, or at least most unwilling, to listen to reason or persuasion, and it was impossible, and it would be almost absurd, to think that he, being what he was, was capable of being moved by the moral appeal of non-resistance.

In those circumstances, what other course was before us? He could not close without adding that if, in the inscrutable will of Providence, the world had to suffer once again the scourge of war, we ought to regard it as a judgement on the nations of the world for their lamentable neglect of the laws of His Kingdom, and it might be that we ourselves deserved some measure of that judgement. . he honestly believed that in this struggle, if it were forced on us, we might humbly and trustfully commend our cause to God.

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ACADEMIC EMPHASIS

According to their inhabitants, academe's groves have come to look like the woods of Kent after last year's storm. So Mr Kenneth Baker's promise, in an interview with *The Times* today, of "greater emphasis on higher education" will be read with some nervousness in the nation's universities and colleges.

From the reduction in real expenditure implemented by the University Grants Committee in 1981, through to the elevation of the polytechnics to their new status of independence in management the decade has seen substantial change already. More may not be welcome.

Mr Baker's offer ought, however, to be taken up. The universities, like those southern woodlands, have been battered. They have been "deprivileged" — to use a favourite word of the minister for higher education, Mr Robert Jackson. They have been held up to a number of accusations about their managerial competence, about their lack of enterprise, and their enervating dependence on a single source of income — the block grant.

What is needed now, and from Mr Baker himself, is his version of where all the changes in status and finance are heading. To say that British universities and colleges should raise more of their money from private sources seems to sit oddly alongside his espousal of that old 1960s doctrine of centralized manpower planning.

In one breath he manages to sound like both Lord Joseph and the late Lord Crowther-Hunt. It makes uneasy music. He needs a personal agenda, and the first item has to be the financing of study and student maintenance.

The saga of the White-Paper-that-might-appear goes on for ever: a document promised for spring fails to appear in summer. In late summer (last week) the higher education minister disappears off to Australia seeking Antipodean wisdom, with vague promises that the White Paper will appear in the autumn.

The Education Department has evidently had difficult discussions with the Treasury. But it is by his decisions on student loans, and the opportunity presented thereby to reform the over-centralized way in which universities and colleges are paid for, that we shall know Mr Baker.

Last week he announced the composition of the Universities Funding Council, which replaces the University Grants Committee. Again the hesitancy of the Government's approach to higher education was evident. The membership of the UFC is weighted towards business, because the Government rightly wants the universities to reflect better the needs and concerns of industry and commerce. So we will have a central organization dispensing money to individual universities in accordance (so Mr Baker hopes) with a new set of values, more attuned to the way the nation makes its living.

But the UFC is no less a bureaucracy than its predecessor. The UFC has as its chief executive Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, a tried and trusted academic bureaucrat whose previous position was (strange to relate) chairman of the University Grants Committee. It will have plans, demand vast banks of information, impose targets.

Somehow it intends to assess academics on the basis of their publications. It is even supposed to be thinking of dispensing money only once it knows how much a university spends on its phone bill. (It is unclear whether high spending or low spending on phones is an index of academic enthusiasm.)

Here is a potential recipe for intellectual sclerosis, for the imposition of pre-set formulae on a group of people whose work is creative. A Government which believes in the spirit of competitiveness — in intellectual life as much as in economic affairs — is in danger of creating an apparatus for academic collectivism.

There is another way of organizing higher education. Recent work by an active group at the London School of Economics has spared Mr Baker the need to work up the details of an alternative. They (all credit to their enterprise) have set up a conference for later this month. The Prime Minister's Policy Unit chief, Professor Brian Griffiths, has shown great interest.

Their scheme, to enfranchise students as the bearers of the public money that ought to support the universities, and to allow their choices to allocate most of the public money to individual institutions, is not perfect. They are weak on the question of what proportion of student costs should be met from the public purse and how the allocation of money for scientific research is to be apportioned without falling into bureaucratic ways.

But, as we have argued before, they are true to the idea that informed choice by the people whose careers and livelihoods depend on their higher education is a better mechanism for discrimination between institutions than is the operations of a central bureaucracy. And that idea, a simulacrum of market competition, ought to appeal to members of Mrs Thatcher's Government if they get a chance to consider it.

DESERT PEACE

This week in Geneva another of the world's military conflicts drew near to conclusion by virtue of United Nations intercession; that between Morocco and the Polisario Front. For 12 years, since the withdrawal of Spain from the Spanish Sahara, the two sides have fought inconclusively over whether the Western Sahara, which lies to the south of Morocco, should be incorporated into its northern neighbour, or should form an independent state. Now, after individual talks with Senor Perez de Cuellar, the United Nations Secretary-General, they have agreed to a UN peace plan under which the future of the Western Sahara will be determined by referendum.

This will not be an extensive affair. There are scarcely more than a few hundred thousand native-born Western Saharawis. Their desert country, economically insignificant except for phosphate mines and Atlantic fishing grounds, offers only a barren nomadic existence. Nor is a referendum a novel idea. When Spain decided to withdraw from the country in the mid-1970s, a similar referendum was proposed.

Morocco's claim to traditional control over the Western Sahara was rejected by the United Nations and by the International Court of Justice. But King Hassan of Morocco, motivated both by national pride and the usefulness of encouraging jingoistic fervour as a diversion to economic difficulties, forced Madrid's hand by leading thousands of Moroccans across the border on a "green march". Spain dropped talk of a referendum and withdrew in 1976 leaving the country to be administered jointly by Mauritania and Morocco.

For their part, the Saharawi populus proclaimed an independent state and established the Polisario Front as their military wing with Algeria's assistance. The war against Morocco has continued since then. Over the years, Morocco has strengthened its control over much of the country, partly by sending large numbers of troops across the border and partly by building a series of defensive walls across the length of Western Sahara to keep the guerrillas out. Nevertheless, by adopting a policy of "hit and run" operations across the wall, the Polisario Front has required the Moroccans to keep on constant military alert and deprived them of outright victory.

The conflict affected both relations between Morocco and Algeria, bringing them close to war on occasions. Neither side showed willingness to compromise.

What has precipitated change is the draining effect of the war on the economies of Algeria and Morocco. The Polisario Front has been dependent on Algeria both for the provision of arms and for military bases and refugee camps. This May Algeria and Morocco abandoned their differences and re-established diplomatic links, presaging an end to the war.

For its part, Morocco has been under pressure from King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, who gives financial aid to Morocco. It is now thought that a solution has been agreed by which the Saharawis will have a degree of autonomy, while remaining under some sort of Moroccan suzerainty.

The United Nations has, to a great extent, been extraneous to the bargaining. But it has provided an independent forum, and a formula for peace which both sides can accept without loss of face — as has also been the case with the withdrawal from Afghanistan and the Iraq-Iran ceasefire. The current success of the UN as an arbiter in ending conflict may not be quite as admirable as preventing wars before they begin, but it is a highly useful role none the less.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Trade figures in an altered light

From Mr W. Walker-Watson

Sir, When billions of pounds are at issue, it is always dangerous to trust net figures. To an accompaniment of alarm and despondency we hear that our trade figures are increasingly in the red, and one's curiosity is aroused to see where the emphasis lies.

It is not the overall deficit of £2.5 billion that is disturbing, but the £13 billion deficit in our trade with the European Community. An analysis of the recently revised CSO (Central Statistical Office) statistics for the last completed year shows that our visible and invisible trading in 1987 was as follows:

	£billion
With the European Community, deficit	13.1
With the rest of the world, surplus	10.6
Net deficit	2.5

There is nothing new about our being in imbalance with Europe, but I do not believe that the extent of the amount, dominating the UK trade balance, is generally known. During the past five years, we imported from the EEC more than we exported to it by an amount of £25 billion. Over the same period, our invisible trade, too, was in deficit, adding a net £3 billion to that debit balance.

By 1992 we expect to be operating with the 11 other members of the Community as a single European market. From then on our trade balance will no doubt be merged with the trading figures of our fellow-members and quite likely lose its identity.

If that is to be so, how essential it is now for separate monthly figures to be published to show the important difference between our trading with the EEC and with North America and other non-EEC countries. The danger of inflation due to the consumer boom would then be seen in quite a different perspective.

These statistics are not only startling; they highlight the need for immediate measures to redress the overbearing UK deficiency with Europe. The consensus is that the adverse UK balance of payments will rise fourfold in the next two years. One's mind boggles at the prospect of a corresponding increase in our deficit with the EEC. Fifty billion, perhaps?

Yours sincerely,
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Cheltenham Terrace, SW3.
August 31.

Seal deaths

From Professor Kenneth Mellanby

Sir, The reports of seal deaths in the Baltic and North Sea have been confusing. It was therefore a relief to read your Science Correspondent, Thomson Prentice's report (August 27) of the studies by the very competent team of Dutch scientists. This confirms the presence of a virus, and that the Dutch scientists "are certain that man-made pollution is not responsible for the disease".

Without in any way wishing to depreciate the value of the Dutch work, it should be pointed out that this confirms the view of most people with experience of this type of phenomenon.

However, also in *The Times* of August 27, in an advertisement from Greenpeace, we read: "The scientists confirm the very strong indications that pollution is contributing to the seals' death". Those familiar with this sort of problem will note the expression "*the scientists*". This phrase is commonly used in propaganda, and generally means that there is no support for the views expressed from the genuine experts who are involved with the problem.

Similarly, in other environmental incidents, we are given the views of "the ecologists". The phrase is generally used to describe those whom the French so aptly call "the charlatans of ecology".

It is regrettable that the media do not always make greater efforts to distinguish between genuine and bogus scientific expertise.

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH MELLANBY,
38 Warkworth Street,
Cambridge.
August 29.

In a tight spot

From Mrs D. Gray

Sir, During the past few days I have been greatly amused to observe the seemingly insurmountable problems being encountered by today's very young slaves to the latest fashion of tight denim mini-skirts.

I have watched a three-year-old making three unsuccessful attempts to climb into a car, and having an even more frustrating time trying to ride her bicycle.

A nine-year-old, finding it impossible to jump a rope, released two minute zips on the back hem and declared: "That's fine now!"

Yours faithfully,
D. GRAY,
77 Gregories Road,
Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.

Doing the splits

From Dr David Barlow

Sir, What a relief! Philip Howard (article, August 23) allows me to occasionally split an infinitive.

May I now be permitted to also use a preposition to end a sentence with?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID BARLOW,
St Thomas' Hospital, SE1.

The way ahead for Pakistan

From Mr Nasim Ahmed

Sir, The statement by Mr Zbigniev Brzezinski (article, August 26) that "Even if the younger surviving senior officers should move to create a transitional regime, Pakistan deserves the West's sympathetic encouragement", and his contention that "the Pakistanis should not be pressured by outsiders to move precipitously towards 'democracy'" illustrate to what extent some American policy-makers have been out of touch with the sentiments and aspirations of the Pakistani people.

Fortunately for Pakistan, General Mirza Aslam Beg, who succeeded General Zia ul-Haq as the army chief of staff, has resisted the pressure on him by vested foreign and domestic interests to seize power and thwart the country's progress towards democracy through free and fair elections on November 16 this year.

General Beg has reminded the military officers that the intervention by the Pakistan army in the country's politics led to the violent civil war and the secession of East Pakistan in 1971. He has advised the army to respect the cherished desire of the overwhelming majority of the people of Pakistan for genuine democracy.

The leader of the Pakistan People's Party, Miss Benazir Bhutto, has welcomed General Beg's declaration. Disregarding the pressure by radical political groups in Pakistan to disavow the country's friendly ties with the West and abandon the Afghan mujahidin, Miss Bhutto has also said that the commitments made by Islamabad to the United States and the Afghan mujahidin would be honoured.

She and other moderate opposition leaders in Pakistan realise that the withdrawal of the Soviet troops from Afghanistan and the repatriation of over three million Afghan refugees under the Geneva agreement can be achieved only with international assistance.

Mr Brzezinski's article shows that certain Western leaders prefer as their "strategic allies" pliant individuals, even if they are unpopular and tyrannical.

The road to democracy in Pakistan and the other Third World countries is not easy. The ethnic and other problems in Pakistan, to which the national security adviser of ex-President Carter referred, were in fact exacerbated by the long military rule in Pakistan. These can now find solution only through the federal constitution, adopted unanimously by the Pakistan National Assembly in 1973, and not by resurrecting army rule in Pakistan.

Yours sincerely,
NASIM AHMED (Pakistan Ambassador to Denmark, 1976-78),
46 Kent Avenue, Ealing, W13.
August 26.

From Dr I. H. Usmani

Sir, *The Times* (August 20) carried an interview with Miss Benazir Bhutto, co-Chairman of the Pakistan People's Party and daughter of the late Prime Minister, Mr Z. A. Bhutto, which is both revealing and constructive.

As one who had the privilege of serving as Chairman of the Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission under Mr Bhutto, may I say that to me "Bhuttoism" meant not only super-intelligence and hard work but also vindictiveness. He could not tolerate opposition or see a "poppy taller than himself "round him!

It appears that Miss Bhutto considers "Bhuttoism" to be an "inspiration", standing for a "constitutional government, a federal government, human rights, an independent judiciary and a free press". As for the religion of Islam, she is right to say that

We are all Muslims, we will all remain Muslims. But within the Muslim context, we believe that secularist policies should be followed.

I hope and pray that the above quotations represent a genuine expression of faith in providing a solid base for the evolution of a democratic Pakistan. What our country needs at this stage is not only the three fundamental virtues of "unity, faith and discipline", preached by Quaide-Azam, Mohammed Ali Jinnah, the founder of Pakistan, but also a deep commitment by our future leaders to the fourth virtue, tolerance.

If these virtues are practised under the new democratic leadership in Pakistan, I am sure that modern science and technology will flourish; the "brain drain" will be reversed; and a developing country of 100 million people will be on the road to progress, regaining the position that the Muslim world occupied about 1,000 years ago, as a leader among the family of nations.

I have the honour to remain, yours faithfully,
I. H. USMANI,
39 Eaton Square,
Belgravia, SW1.
August 24.

Troubles in Ireland

From Mr D. F. Bratt

Sir, I read Dr Owen's plea (article, August 26) for sealing the border between the two Irelands and his hope that a combination of modern technology, watchtowers, closure of roads, etc., would do the trick.

I did my National Service at what was then one of the largest depots in the world, the perimeter of which was only about 20 miles long. We had 10 ft fences, barbed wire, watchtowers with machine guns, infantry and other full-time guards, Royal Military Police with dogs, armed Jeep patrols, closed gates on all rail and road access points, minefields where it mattered, and armed roving camp pickets at night provided by the 3,000 working soldiers of the garrison.

This was not a sufficient barrier against the indigenous population, who were employed by us during the day and so knew the geography, some of whom returned at night on their pilfering forays. In addition we had one safeguard that is unlikely to be afforded the defenders under Dr Owen's scheme or that of any similar "Berlin wall" schemes. Uninvited intruders at night were liable to be shot on sight.

I fail to see how you can seal a 300-mile border against a determined and ruthless opponent who knows the area backwards and who will soon learn the dispositions of an essentially static defence.

Yours faithfully,
DEREK BRATT,
26 Windsor Road,
Mablethorpe,
Lincolnshire.
August 30.

From Mr Denis Hetherington

Sir, Recent letters to *The Times* have overlooked the most important aspect of the Irish equation; that is, that although the majority of Irish people abhor the methods of the IRA, they overwhelmingly approve its avowed aim — the establishment of a united Ireland.

The IRA can be defeated only if Britain receives unreserved co-operation from the Dublin authorities; this cannot be given until the vast majority in the republic support such action. The price for this co-operation will be that after the joint British/Irish defeat of the IRA a united and independent Ireland will follow quickly.

Britain needs a settlement. A solution on these lines will be considered simplistic by those of the "rivers of blood" persuasion, but the present British Government imposed a seemingly impossible settlement on Rhodesia/Zimbabwe — a situation that had many parallels with Ireland today.

Yours faithfully,
DENIS HETHERINGTON,
The Haybarn, Pound Green,
Shipdham,
Thetford, Norfolk.
August 29.

From Mr Jim Gourley

Sir, Sir Ian Morrow (August 26) cannot put all the blame for Catholic unemployment on employers. There are many predominantly Catholic areas in Northern Ireland where British businessmen are neither welcome nor safe. Catholics must choose whether to create a climate in which business can flourish, or tolerate the IRA and unemployment.

Yours faithfully,
JIM GOURLEY,
3 Poplar Grove,
Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire.
August 26.

From Mr Frank Hodgson

Sir, To proffer unemployment as a pretext for support and approval of IRA massacre and murder is to seek disgracefully to excuse the inexcusable. How many Loyalists are employed in Nationalist areas, even in Government offices there?

That IRA terrorists and their supporters receive unemployment and social security benefits is itself a sickening thought.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK HODGSON,
70 Bickham Road,
Plymouth, Devon.
August 26.

Air show safety

From Mr B. R. Abethell

Sir, I live approximately one mile from the fringes of the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough. Many of the aircraft taking part in the biannual air show make their turns and begin their runs over this very heavily populated area.

The reassurances that all such displays take place parallel to the crowd and at a distance of some 300 feet (leading article, August 30) from the spectators does little to lessen the concern of those living in the immediate area.

If, whilst flying parallel to the crowd, an incident takes place similar to that in Ramstein, who can judge the distance a stricken aircraft might travel before breaking up or crashing, thereby taking the dangers to people living outside the perimeters of the airfield?

The need to display our aviation wares to the world could surely be achieved by basing air shows in areas where the actual flying displays could be performed over the sea and where additional revenue so created would be welcomed.

I remain, yours sincerely,
B. R. ABETHELL,
96 Caswell Close,
Farnborough,
Hampshire.

On the run

From Mr F. G. R. Fisher

Sir, When I arrived at Bryanston as headmaster in 1959, the sign on the approach to my house read: Headmaster, dead slow.

I had it removed.

Yours faithfully,
ROBSON FISHER,
Craig Cottage, Lower Street,
Dittisham,
Near Dartmouth, Devon.
August 29.

Paper savings in examinations

From Mrs Renate Helmsley

Sir, Regional examination boards are often criticised for the sheer enormity of their administrative machinery. It seems to me, as an invigilator, that they could lighten this burden, and make considerable savings in cost and labour, while benefiting those whose task it is to organise and supervise the A and GCSE-level examinations at centres and schools.

At present each board issues to the centres a variety of stationery, geared to specific subjects at specific levels. Some enlightened boards print the requirements on each examination paper pack; others issue booklets in which each examination by name and number has to be (a) located, (b) the stationery requirements ascertained, (c) collected, (d) counted, (e) issued. Some boards use a code as well as a number!

Answer booklets of four, eight, 12 or 16 pages, or specific ones for, e.g., biology, geology, and modern languages, have to be found. This laborious task is multiplied in complexity by the different requirements of each board.

Admittedly, some subjects need specific stationery — music, statistics, accounts — but for the vast majority of subjects ordinary lined paper suffices.

Why not have one cover booklet, with spaces for all relevant information, into which as much loose lined paper as required — and no more — can be tied? This would eliminate hours of laborious work for the administrators, obviate errors, and save paper and costs. At the moment hundredweights of unused pages, incorporated in answer booklets, are shunted from the centres to the examiners and back again to the boards.

Yours faithfully,
R. HELMSLEY,
Hermitage, The Orchard,
Holcombe,
Dawlish, Devon.
August 31.

Noise in the City

From the Chairman of the City of London Environment and Amenity Trust

Sir, There will be few people in the City of London who will recognise the rosy view of its environmental conditions painted by Michael Cassidy (August 27).

The corporation's considerate contractor scheme has indeed done much to improve some of the ground-level problems of mud and poor traffic management; but it has done nothing to deal with the more acute issue of noise. This is controlled by the corporation's environmental health officer, by notices under part III of the Control of Pollution Act 1974.

The corporation's policy is to allow contractors to use their noisiest machinery for half the working day, in three periods from 7 am or 8 am to 10, between 12 noon and 2 pm and from 4 pm to 6 pm or 7 pm. Up to eight hours of misery is therefore officially approved by the corporation.

The effect of the present building boom in the Square Mile, fuelled by new City corporation policies, is not confined to noise levels. Commuter services are already struggling with the task of delivering 300,000 City workers every day; after the developers have finished, there will be another 100,000 to cope with, for whom little additional capacity will exist for another 10 years or more.

What we need in the City is not merely considerate contractors, but a more considerate planning authority.

Yours faithfully,
G. E. ALLAN (Chairman,
The City of London Environment and Amenity Trust),
1 Balfour Road, N5.
August 20.

Honours up to date

From Mr Des Foy

Sir, Having noted with pleasure (report, August 23) that the infant daughter of the Duke and Duchess of York has been "awarded the BEM" with her three names, I then reflected on the thought that we now have no British Empire.

Is it not high time for a new order to be created — the replacement of "British Empire" by "Great Britain" would perhaps be appropriate. We would then have the GBM, MGB, OGB, CGB. The "K" would of course have to be reserved for future Philbys, etc.

Yours faithfully,
DES FOY,
Womack, 17 Bolters Road South,
Horley, Surrey.
August 22.

Programme error

From Mr Michael Banister

Sir, In response to Mr David Smith's suggestion (August 29), my word processor's spell check programme advises that we are ruled by Queen Elegant with her consort the Duke of Edible. The most recent addition to the Royal Family is Princess Bearing of Yolk.

The Prime Minister is Magnet Thicker opposed by Near Kilo who is shortly to be challenged by Ton Bean. The other party leaders are Pad Ashore and Dared Owe. Amongst the more interesting political figures are Doubles Hurl and Normal Teabag.

Yours truly,
MICHAEL BANISTER
(alias Mischief Banished),
102 Ladbrook Road,
Solihull, West Midlands.
August 30.

Carnival epilogue

From Mr Alan Robinson

Sir, As a major sponsor of the Notting Hill Carnival for the first time this year on behalf of Old Oak Rum, we entered into the deal with a certain amount of trepidation following media reports about crowd violence and escalating levels of crime.

Understandably we were concerned about police warnings of possible danger to spectators attending the event and we took every care to ensure our guests were able to watch the carnival from the safety of a suite of rooftop offices on the procession route.

However, once the festival atmosphere took hold, many of our clients took to the streets to join in the spirit of the occasion. And far from being under threat from any of the crowd, we were actively encouraged to join in the happy proceedings. Indeed the whole event proved to be a most enjoyable one for us.

Whilst we recognise that a very small minority were responsible for a number of minor crimes during the carnival, we were delighted to hear that despite the massive crowds, crime figures were less than one tenth of last year's. We will certainly be considering working in conjunction with the Notting Hill Carnival Committee next year.

Yours sincerely,
ALAN ROBINSON
(Brand Manager, Old Oak Rum),
G. & J. Greenall Ltd,
PO Box No 3,
Causeway Distillery,
Warrington, Cheshire.
September 1.

From Mr John Martin

Sir, Mr Dudley Fishburn (August 31) would like a bigger and better carnival. This may be what Kensington residents would like, but I doubt it.

His influence would best be used in ensuring that the consultative process which must now be gone through includes the sounding out of opinion throughout the Kensington community as to their wishes, and he might urge his Conservative colleagues on the Kensington and Chelsea Council to ensure that this consultation takes place.

In the past it has been assumed that Kensington residents can put up with whatever is thrust upon them. They might take the view, if consulted, that bigger and more business-like does not mean better.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MARTIN
(SDP parliamentary candidate, Kensington by-election),
81 Abbotsbury Road,
Holland Park, W14.
August 31.

Inching forward

From Dr J. H. Millar

Sir, You report (August 25) that the US is on the way to going metric. It is important for Britain to know whether they will adopt the European plumbing sizes — which were based, of course, on the English inch sizes, because they were standard throughout Europe for many decades — or whether they will adopt the new British metric standards which are not the same.

For many years our French plumber always spoke in the French words for the English sizes: *demi-pouce* (for half-inch); *pouce* (for one inch); *pouce et demi* (for inch and a half).

After we went metric and our French plumber received his first delivery of the newly-sized British valves, he came to me in despair. They would not fit on the French-made English-sized piping. Three months later he was all smiles, and back in business with the old, English-sized valves — made in Japan!

The value of all European business we have lost must run into many millions.

Yours sincerely,
J. H. MILLAR,
19 Boulevard de Suisse,
Le Schuylkill,
Monte Carlo 98000,
Monaco.

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
September 1: The Princess Royal this morning opened the new Leisure Pool in Goole and was received upon arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Humberside (Mr Anthony Bethell).

In the afternoon Her Royal Highness attended the Police National Clay Shooting Championships at Beverley.

The Princess Royal travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Lady Mallabar is deeply grateful to all those who have written to her following the death of her husband, Sir John Mallabar. She much regrets that she is unable to reply to them personally.

Trent College Nottingham

Michaelmas Term began on September 1. Mr J.S. Lee takes over from Mr A.J. Maltby as Headmaster. Mr N.C. Bidgood succeeds Mr D.H. Ewart as Housemaster of Shuker. Richard Allen is head of school and Richard Hammond is deputy head of school. The new Biology Block will be completed at the end of October. Term ends on December 10.

Latest wills

Mr Montague Marsland Hine, of Andorra, formerly of Henley, near Marlborough, Wiltshire, left estate valued at £8,298,490 net. He left the estate mostly to relatives.

Commander Windham Mark Phipps Horsby, RN retd, of Berwick on Tweed, left £595,264 net.

Mr Reginald Sydney Hall, of Monkseaton, Tyne and Wear, left £249,235 net. After bequests totalling £31,000 he left the residue equally between the Salvation Army and Dr Barnardo's.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Browning, Mr Henry Edmund, of Kings Somborne, Hampshire..... £831,195
Chetham, Mr James, of Smallwood, Sandbach, Cheshire, shopkeeper..... £536,315
Clark, Mrs Rachel Rowntree, of Harrogate..... £508,121
Coe, Mr Robert George Litchfield, of Bassingfield, Nottinghamshire..... £529,786
Dixon, Mr Thomas Crewe, of Bamburgh, Northumberland..... £418,045
Hedley, Mrs Cynthia Jean, of Woolton Hill, Hampshire..... £495,870
Hocombe, Mrs Winifred, of Walton on Thames..... £690,715
Knoll, Mrs Enid May, of Richmond upon Thames... £589,964
Maples, Miss Nancy Aimee, of Heathfield, East Sussex..... £536,949
Wadkin, Mr John, of Wembley Park, Middlesex..... £472,491

Birthdays today

Professor C.B. Allsopp, physicist, 84; Kina Lady Avebury, sociologist, 54; Sir Peter Boon, former chairman, Hoover, 72; Mrs Heather Brigstocke, High Mistress, St Paul's Girls' School, 59; Professor Dame Barbara Clayton, pathologist, 66; Mr Jimmy Connors, tennis player, 36; Professor David Daiches, former professor of English, 76; Sir Arthur Drew, chairman, Queen Mary College, 76; Sir Oliver Forster, diplomat, 63; Sir Edward Goschen, former deputy chairman, Stock Exchange Council, 75; Mr Michael Hastings, playwright, 50; Air Marshal Sir Paul Holder, 77; Mr P.B. Lucas, former fighter pilot and golfer, 73; Sir Patrick Moberly, diplomat, 60; Lord Paget of Northampton, QC, 80; Sir Alexander Ross, former chairman, United Dominions Trust, 81; Mr Patrick Sheehy, chairman, BAT Industries, 58; Viscount Simon, 86; Mr Victor Spinetti, actor, 55; Professor George Temple, mathematician, 87; Lieutenant-General Sir John Waters, 53; the Right Rev David Young, Bishop of Ripon, 57.

Appointments



General Sir Nigel Bagnall is to be promoted Field Marshal on September 9.

Piping

Bicentenary of an innocent amusement

From Angus Nicol, Inverness

This year the Northern Meeting has reached its bicentenary.

In 1788, the year in which Prince Charles Edward died, 13 Highlanders met in Inverness and planned a meeting for the purposes "of pleasure and innocent amusement": innocent, that is, of all political or religious motive. It was intended as a means of reconciling those factions that had been so bitterly opposed for nearly a century.

At first, the Northern Meeting lasted for a week of hunting, race meetings, and sports, with a ball each evening. In 1781 the Highland Society of London had held the first piping competition, at Falkirk.

Sixty years later the Northern Meeting added a Piobaireachd competition to its events, which was won by Angus MacKay, the first person to publish a book of pipe music in staff notation, under the aegis of the Highland Society which came out in 1838. He was later the first Queen's Piper.

The prize in those days was a set of pipes. Occasionally a gold medal was presented, to be competed for by previous winners of the prize pipe.

From 1859, in recognition that the Northern Meeting was the most important piping event in the year, the Highland Society of London presented a gold medal every year (interrupted only by the two world wars) to the winner of the prize pipe.

The Northern Meeting now shares this supremacy with the Argyllshire Gathering, to which a gold medal has been presented annually since 1875.

Twenty-nine pipers, many from overseas, competed for the 1988 gold medal, the 118th to be presented at Inverness. The set list of tunes contained some which are not often heard, such as "You're Welcome, Ewen", and "MacNeil of Barra's March", and also two of the oldest tunes now heard, which commemorate battles of the mid-15th century: The Battle of Bealach nam Brog, which took place in or before 1452, and The MacRaes' March, commemorating an incident at the Battle of Parc in about 1476.

This year's gold medal was won by Dr Angus MacDonald, of Glenuig, who played "Lachan MacNeil Campbell of Kintarbert's Fancy", a tune the origins of which are unknown but is thought to have been a favourite of that famous piper of the early 19th century.

The silver medal was won by Gregory Wilson, from New Zealand, who played "The Bicker" (book 4).

RESULTS

Gold medal: 1 Dr Angus MacDonald. 2 Duncan MacCuithvray (The Menzies' Salute). 3 L/Cpl Alasdair Ollies (The Battle of Bealach nam Brog). 4 William MacCallum (Beloved Scotland). 5 Scott MacAulay (Lachan MacNeil Campbell of Kintarbert's Fancy).

Silver medal: 1 Gregory Wilson. 2 L/Cpl D J Macintyre, QOH (MacDonald's March). 3 Stuart Grant (March for a Beginner). 4 L/Cpl Lewis Barclay, Gordon Highlanders. (MacDonald of Kinlochmoidart's Lament (1)).

March A: 1 Gordon Walker, RHF. 2 Mike Cusack. 3 Murray Henderson. 4 P/M Gavin Stoddart.

March B: 1 L/Sgt Peter MacInnes, Scots Guards. 2 L/Cpl D MacIntyre, QOH. 3 Martin Wilson. 4 Andrew Bonar.

Strathspey and Reel: 1 L/Cpl D MacIntyre QOH. 2 Neil Smith. 3 Wilson Brown. 4 J W J Gillespie.

Jig: 1 Richard Parkes. 2 William MacCallum. 3 William Morrison. 4 Angus MacColl.



Mr James Roundell, of Christie's, inspecting the Picasso masterpiece yesterday.

Picasso's harlequin likely to sell for record £10m

By Jenny Gilbert

A masterpiece from Picasso's rose period, his "Acrobat and Young Harlequin", is set to fetch the highest price for any twentieth century work of art when it comes under the hammer at Christie's on November 28. A figure of up to £10 million is expected.

The auction house describes the painting, a tender portrait of two circus artistes in muted tones of pink and blue, as "the most exciting work to be offered at Christie's since the historic sale of Van Gogh's "Sunflowers" in March 1987", which fetched £24.75 million.

"We cannot realistically hope to topple that record", said Mr James Roundell, of Christie's. "But that is a question of fashion. In terms of quality this picture certainly ranks alongside the Van Gogh".

That said, however, there could not be a better time to sell a great Picasso, with the current exhibition of the late paintings at the Tate Gallery, and the recent worldwide interest in the artist's private life stirred by a controversial new biography.

The large picture, executed in gouache on board in the winter of 1904-5, came at a crucial point in Picasso's development, when the stark desolation of his blue period gave way to warmer and more positive qualities.

This being possibly the most approachable period of the artist's entire prolific output may well add to its appeal to prospective buyers, as well as its rarity: only a score of harlequin paintings from this time exist, few if any are of comparable quality and none are in Britain.

The painting itself has had something of a turbulent history. It was probably first sold into private hands as a result of a Paris exhibition in 1905, when the artist was hardly known. By 1911 it had found its way into a museum in Germany where its remained until being confiscated by the Nazis in 1937, on grounds of being a prime example of the Decadent Art *(entartete Kunst)*, which Hitler was trying to purge.

It was rescued from destruction, by what means is not clear, to reappear in a Lucerne auction room in June 1939 where it was sold for 80,000 Swiss francs to a Belgian collector. It has remained in private hands ever since, in a condition, astonishingly, as if fresh from the easel.

The decision by its present anonymous owner to sell came "out of the blue", according to Christie's, "as often happens when soaring values mean a collector cannot any longer afford to insure the work"

The previous auction record for a Picasso is £4,180,000, secured in December 1987 for a Cubist picture, not of the best. The top price for a work by any twentieth century artist is £6,600,000, paid two years ago for a Braque.

A new double record is confidently expected by Christie's, but who will buy?

"The price narrows the field somewhat", said Mr Roundell. "There are maybe 20 or 30 collectors in the world who might have the means and the interest to bid. We often think we know who they will be, but nearly always someone new crops up."

Protest at TV mast delay

Businesses in the Ullswater area are to boycott the National Trust's Lake District Landscape Appeal because they are angry over the trust's failure to approve a site in the valley for a television mast.

Local residents have been campaigning for improved television reception for 20 years and are worried that the Independent Broadcasting Authority may withdraw from the scheme because an agreement cannot be made with the trust.

The Ullswater association of local businessmen says hoteliers are losing bookings because of the poor television reception and they have sent a strong letter to the National Trust's chairman, Dame Jennifer Jenkins.

The association's chairman, Mr David Berriman, said yesterday: "We feel good television reception is as necessary as water or electricity. We hope to prick a few consciences by doing this." He added that they did not see the need to help the trust's fund-raising campaign when they felt the trust were unwilling to help them.

A spokesman for the National Trust in Ambleside said it was continuing negotiations with the IBA and still hoped to find a suitable site for the mast.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Howard, pioneer of prison reform, London, 1726; Giovanni Verga, dramatist, Catania, Sicily, 1840; Frederick Soddy, chemist and physicist, Eastbourne, 1877; Sir Robert Bruce Lockhart, diplomat and writer, Anstruther, Fife, 1887.

DEATHS: Jusepe de Ribera, painter, Naples, 1652; Thomas Telford, road, bridge and canal builder, London, 1834; Henri Rousseau, painter, Paris, 1910; Tancred Borenius, art historian, Salisbury, 1948; John Ronald Tolkien, philologist and author of *The Lord of the Rings*, Bournemouth, 1973.

The Great Fire of London began, 1666. Conscription of men between 19 and 41 came into force, 1939.

Anger at bank using French stone for new HQ

Lloyds Bank has been criticized for choosing to use French stone instead of Bath or Portland stone in its new headquarters at Bristol.

The bank's architects say that the selected French limestone has a better texture than English varieties, a view strongly disputed by the Bath Stone Company, which produces both Bath and Portland stone from its West Country quarries.

Plans for building the new bank headquarters at Canons Marsh, Bristol, in the heart of the city's disused dockland, reveal that French stone will be used on the ground and first floor levels, with reconstituted Derbyshire stone on the upper floor.

But Mrs Janice Dando, marketing director of the Bath Stone Company, said: "Visually there is no reason why a French limestone should be used. We have a better quality stone. It is a sad state of affairs when there are UK stones available for projects like this.

"And the decision could not have come at a worse economic time, just as Britain's huge trade deficit was announced".

Dr James Briggs, chairman of the Bristol Civic Society, also criticized the bank's plans. He said: "It seems they are spoiling the ship for a ha'poth of tar in using reconstituted stone".

But a Lloyds spokesman said: "We looked at all the major British suppliers, but the texture we wanted was not available in any of their stone".

The Lloyds decision to ignore West Country produced stone has also angered some members of the Bristol City Council.

The council says it bent its own rules to allow the office block to be built outside the zone designated for offices. The waterfront site was earmarked for leisure facilities. One reason for the council's decision was the promise from Lloyds that the new building would create 1,400 jobs.

But it is now known that around 800 of those jobs will go to staff moving from the Lloyds headquarters in London.

Coachmakers' and Coach Harness Makers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Coachmakers' and Coach Harness Makers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr Brian Leslie Maddock Brew; Senior Warden, Mr George Anthony Hepworth; Renter Warden, Mr Gerald Boxall; Junior Warden, Mr Denis James Burrell.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.H. Bunjé and Miss D.L. Whatling
The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Dr and Mrs Bunjé, of Temple Sheen, London, and Debbie, elder daughter of Mr G. Whatling, of Hurst, Berkshire, and Mrs L.K. Aston, of Chideock, Dorset.

Mr K. Calot-Medley and Mrs H.I. Hutchings
The engagement is announced between Keith Calot-Medley, of Ikeja, Nigeria, and Hilda Irene Hutchings, of Pennington, Hampshire.

Mr B.G. Chant and Miss M.J. Morgan
The engagement is announced between Benedict, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A.D.B. Chant, of Braishfield, Romsey, Hampshire, and Melissa, only daughter of Mr A.I. Morgan and Mrs J. Barnes, of New York.

Dr M. Crabtree and Dr S.M. Willatts
The engagement is announced between Michael Crabtree, of Churchfield, Harpenden, and Sheila Willatts, of Durdham Down, Bristol.

Mr Q.M. Cullinan and Miss K.L. Gill
The engagement is announced between Quentin, son of Mrs Joan Johnson and stepson of the late Derek Johnson, of Boden Hall, Cheshire, and Kate, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Gill, of Holymoorside, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

Mr M.C. Kidwell and Miss V.K. Jolly
The engagement is announced between Mathew Charles, younger son of Mr Richard Kidwell, of Glamorgan, and Mrs Michael Clarkson, of Fulham, and Victoria Kirstine, elder daughter of Mr Martin Jolly, of Castle Frome, Herefordshire, and Mrs James Bristow, of Ledbury.

Lieutenant-Commander N.C. Kirkwood, RN and Miss J.M.de W. Kitcat
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Mr and Mrs W.G. Kirkwood, of Croft, North Yorkshire, and Julia Margaret, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Rodney de W. Kitcat, of Throcking, Hertfordshire.

Mr S.J. Leaf and Miss M-E. Blackledge
The engagement is announced between Simon, only son of Mr and Mrs J.F. Leaf, of Harrow-on-the-Hill, and Marie-Elaine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs N.J. Blackledge, of Tycoch, Swansea.

Mr R.L. Middleton and Miss M.J. Williams
The engagement is announced between Ray Linley, son of Rear-Admiral L.E. Middleton, Haslemere, Surrey, and Mrs C.J.H. Nelson, Jersey, Channel Islands, and Melanie Jeanne, eldest daughter of Captain and Mrs P.J. Williams, Alexandria, Virginia.

Mr A. Rashbass and Miss J.R. Davidson
The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of the late Professor Cyril Rashbass and of Dr Barbara Rashbass, of Pinner, Middlesex, and Jacqueline Roxane, elder daughter of the late Mr Lionel Davidson and of Mrs Joyce Davidson, of St John's Wood, London.

Mr G.D.A. Richardson and Miss S.B.McL. Munro
The engagement is announced between Garth, only son of Mr and Mrs D. Richardson, of Brereton, Cheshire, and Sarah, daughter of the late Captain J.A.B. Munro and Mrs M. Scrimgeour, and stepdaughter of Air Commodore D.McL. Scrimgeour, of Chandler's Ford, Hampshire.

Mr G.H. Wolley and Miss A.E. Lubbock
The engagement is announce between Guy, younger son of the late Mr P.M. Wolley, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, and Mrs J.H. White-Smith, of Alderney, Channel Islands, and Anna, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.J.A. Lubbock, of Bramley, Surrey.

Mr M.J. Younger and Miss S.A.M. Dowse
The engagement is announced between Malcolm, third son of Mr Gavin Younger, of Chapel-on-Leader, Berwickshire, and of Mrs Diana Younger, of Friarshawmuir, Selkirkshire, and Sophie, second daughter of the late Mr Michael J. Dowse and of Mrs M.J. Dowse, of Goggs Hill, Bloxham, Oxfordshire.

OBITUARY

LIEUT-COL FATESINGHRAO GAEKWAD

Former Maharajah of Baroda

Lieutenant Colonel Fatesinghrao Gaekwad, the former Maharajah of Baroda and reputedly one of the world's richest men, died in Bombay, on September 1 at the age of 58.

An all-round sportsman himself, he was President of the Board of Control for Cricket of India from 1963 to 1966 and, besides playing the game and commentating on it, managed the Indian team on the 1959 tour of England and two of their last three sides to tour of Pakistan in 1978 and 1982-83.

He was also a sincere conservationist having been an international trustee of the World Wildlife Fund and founder-president of the Indian National Appeal and member of the Indian Board for Wildlife.

But for many people in the West he was first and foremost one of the last of the legendary sporting princes of India, with a flamboyant life style played out both in Britain and in his native land, a playboy image he seemed sometimes to enjoy cultivating, coupled with great personal charm, and a background of incalculable wealth, both in collections of priceless jewellery and luxurious palaces.

The former maharajah once joked, however, that the ex princes were "an endangered species, like the tigers in India" - though he went on to note conservation efforts of recent years, in which he had played a notable part, had remedied that at least as far as the tigers were concerned.

But the man whose forebears were greeted in the days of the British Raj with a 21-gun salute was, in fact, one of the first of the Indian princes to become an industrialist. He was founder and part-owner of the Baroda Rayon Corporation, as well as of scooter and paper-making concerns.

The former maharajah maintained that the playboy image he and his kind had in the West was greatly exaggerated, largely at the demand of the news media and the film industry. He went further when arguing that during the days of the Raj stern and unbending British officials perhaps sought a justification for their role in the princely states by underlining their rulers' "irresponsibility".

The maharajah was a true friend of Indian cricket, and a good enough batsman himself to have played 18 first-class matches in the Ranji Trophy between 1946 and 1959 for his own state of Baroda. In those he scored 511 runs, stylishly made, at an average of 22.21.

As President of the Indian Cricket Board his gentle humour, peripatetic existence and sense of rightness gave him a valuably wide perspective on the game.



There was always a warm welcome for him at Lord's, where he was to be seen during the second Test match against West Indies in June of this year. It was noticeable then that he was slowing down.

In India he divided his time between Bombay, New Delhi and Baroda — as politician, businessman, conservator and prince.

His princely title, like his Laxmi Vilas Palace in Baroda, a stately and romantic place, complete with marble fountains and ornate balconies, when it was erected at the beginning of this century, had become something of a former glory. The servants there had been reduced from around 600 in the palace's heyday to 150 and subsequently 60 or 70. The maharajah more than once told privileged visitors the palace was "nothing but an albatross."

He had a small zoo in the grounds and was proud of his pictures, assembled in an art gallery there and on public view.

With a chuckle he would say to guests that in the halcyon days a chain of bearers would have a quarter of a mile to walk from the kitchens to the dining room.

But, unlike the Rambagh Palace in Jaipur, the palace in Baroda was too large and rambling, and the local attractions were not sufficiently glamorous, for conversion into a hotel to delight today's European tourists.

His title was abolished in 1971 when Mrs Gandhi ended the Indian princes' privileges and titles with an eye to winning an up-coming General Election with her Congress Party.

There had been controversy over this issue involving the Baroda princely family all the way from independence and the maharajah's own relations with Mrs Gandhi fluctuated over the years.

When his father clashed with Nehru over the princes question taking the matter before the Supreme Court, and was deposed in 1951, he transferred to his son property in India estimated to be then worth £15 million.

He subsequently was to declare that princely families like his and that of the equally wealthy Nizam of Hyderabad had been "really foolish" to declare their wealth honestly, and acting out of a spirit of patriotism towards the new India.

The maharajah, however, often said he felt no hankerings for former glories. Though his title and privileges had been abolished, he showed in Baroda he still felt a feudal sense of duty towards local people.

He was several times voted in a member of the Lok Sabha, the lower house of the Indian Parliament, and was a Minister in Gujarat state governments.He quit politics in 1980.

His marriage in 1950 to Princess Rajendra of Jodhpur was one of the last great Indian princely weddings, preceded by a mile-long procession, headed by elephants all splendidly dressed, through the main streets of Jodhpur.

MR DAVID BULSTRODE

Mr David Bulstrode, the controversial property developer and chairman of Queen's Park Rangers football club, died yesterday at the age of 47.

Through his property company, Marler Estates, Bulstrode had an acquisitiveness for football grounds. His company already owned the grounds of Chelsea at Stamford Bridge and Fulham at Craven Cottage when it bought Queen's Park Rangers last year.

Even before he became chairman in May last year he encountered considerable opposition to his plans to merge Fulham, where he was then also chairman, with Queen's Park Rangers as Fulham Park Rangers. The plan did not materialise: a consortium was formed to run the Fulham club, although Marler retained ownership of the ground.

Cynics and supporters alike found it difficult to reconcile the property tycoon's interests in potential development with a genuine concern for the future of the club in particular and football in general.

Bulstrode was, as a result, the target of much personal abuse and criticism which he countered with protestations that he was also a football fan and that it was not his aim to wipe out clubs. He did, however, believe that there was too much football, at least in London, and that the clubs there could not all survive separately.

His declared aim was to make Queen's Park Rangers the most successful club, at any rate in London, and despite the initially hostile reception he had begun to develop a reputation as a forward-thinking chairman and, in June, was elected to the Football League management committee.

Bulstrode, who lived in Jersey, was born in Wembley and started work in 1957 as a junior bank clerk. He was approached by Slater Walker Jersey to set up a lending department: when Slater Walker collapsed in the mid-1970s its Jersey operations were taken over by Lazard Brothers, of which he became a director.

He had become a director of Marler Estates in 1978 and four years later he left Lazards and banking to concentrate on developing his own property business.

He is survived by his wife, Sylvia, a son and a daughter.

PROF RUDOLF HARTMANN

Professor Rudolf Hartmann, the German opera director and manager, died in Munich on August 26, aged 87.

He was for many years Intendant at the Bavarian State Opera and had a special affinity with the operas of Richard Strauss, who was a personal friend.

After a spell prewar at the Staatsoper in Berlin he was engaged by Clemens Krauss as chief producer at the State Opera in Munich in 1937 and remained there until 1944.

During this period he staged the world premières of three of Strauss' late operas, *Der Friedenstag* (1938), *Capriccio* (1942) and *Die Liebe der Danae*.

In 1952 he was summoned to take over as Intendant at the Bavarian State Opera, a position he held until retiring in 1967.

The job entailed much rebuilding, both artistically and architecturally, as the opera house lay in ruins after the war.

Considering his background, Hartmann was traditionalist in outlook, mainly concerned with restoring German opera to its pre-war glories.

At Covent Garden he staged the first postwar *Elektra* in 1953, as well as *Arabella* (1965) and *Die Frau ohne Schatten* (1967).

He was suspicious of modish trends, but his work as performed was rarely static or dull, always possessed of a keen sense of detail and psychological observation.

Strauss, along with Mozart and Wagner, remained his household gods. He did not, however, entirely eschew contemporary music, staging the first performances of new operas like Orff's *Der Mond* (1939) or Hindemith's *Die Harmonie der Welt* (1957).

MR HENRY HINDLEY

Mr Henry Oliver Rait Hindley, a senior official of the British Air Ministry during the Second World War who later became a high-ranking Canadian civil servant, died on August 30, aged 82.

A Cambridge graduate, his early career was spent working for a London firm of management consultants.

In the Second World War he was Director of Manpower Planning at the Air Ministry, after which he served for a time as chairman of the Northern Division of the National Coal Board and on the Raw Cotton Commission.

Emigrating to Canada in the 1950s, Hindley worked for Rio Algom Mines in Manitoba and later in Ottawa was a staff member of the Royal Commission on government organisation.

After that he joined the Bureau of Government Organisations in the Privy Council Office, one of the most powerful of Canada's central government agencies.

In the late 1960s, as an Assistant Under-Secretary of State, he played a major part in the preparation of a new Broadcasting Act, adopted by the Canadian Parliament in 1968.

He was subsequently named senior policy adviser to the Deputy Minister of Communications, and executive director of a commission established to explore future prospects for telecommunications in Canada. He was the principal contributor to the commission's report, entitled *Instant World*.

He was unmarried.

HAZEL DAWN

Hazel Dawn, a singer and actress in the early decades of the century who was known as "The Pink Lady," after the musical in which she made her Broadway stage debut in 1911, died on August 28 at the age of 98.

She was once the mascot of both Army and Navy at one of their annual football games, and she recalled that when West Point cadets tossed their hats onto the stage one belonged to a cadet who later became President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Dawn began her career in London musical comedies and appeared in *The Dollar Princess* and *Dear Little Denmark* as well as *The Pink Lady*.

Dawn was born in Ogden, Utah. Her family later moved to Wales, where her father, a Mormon, was a missionary.

MR SAMUEL FOLLETT

Mr Samuel Follett, CMG, a former Deputy Director of the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, and a former Deputy Controller of Guided Weapons at the Ministry of Aviation, died on August 26, aged 84.

Follett entered the scientific Civil Service in 1927 and before going to Farnborough in 1959 had been director-general of the Ministry of Supply Staff in the British Joint Services Mission in Washington for three years. He held the Ministry of Aviation post from 1963 to 1966.

MR JYMPSON HARMAN

Mr Jympson Harman, who died on August 26 at the age of 96, was a respected film critic who grew up with the cinema.

Arthur Jympson Harman was born in Hastings and joined the *Evening News* in London as a copy boy. He began to review films in 1921 and succeeded the pioneer film critic, W.G.Faulkener: he estimated he had attended over 9,000 Press shows.

He formed many friendships in the film industry and was on particularly close terms with Alfred Hitchcock, Charles and Elsa Laughton, and Herbert Wilcox and Dame Anna Neagle.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.
St Mark 11:26

BIRTHS

BARLY - On August 2nd, at Penrith, to Barbara (née Holliday) and Hugh, a son, Peter Edward.

BLOOM TAYLOR - On July 28th, at the Portland Hospital a son Oliver William Henry, a beautiful brother for Cassandra and Camilla.

DAVIES - On August 18th, to Peter and Angela, a precious son, Bryn Mansel.

de Val de BEAULIEU - On September 1st, to Henry and Deborah, a son.

FITZGIBBON - On August 24th, at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, to Elizabeth (née Gough) and Stephen, a daughter, Claire Rachel.

FRIEDA - On August 31st 1988, to Sophia (née Ponsford) and Paul, a son, a brother for Chloe.

GRAHAM - On August 30th, to Caroline (née Service) and Neil, a daughter, Belinda Dulcie Edith, a sister for Georgina.

GREENHALL - On Sunday August 28th 1988, in Bristol, to Sarah and Gilbert, a son, Alexander.

HOLMAN - On August 31st 1988, at King's College Hospital, London, to Fiona and James, a son.

JOHNSTONE - On August 22nd, to Joanna (née Wallace) and Robert, a daughter, Isobel, a sister for Angus.

KAVANAGH - On September 1st, 1988, to Carol (née Sandford) and Shane, a son, Daniel.

KOEPPGEN - On August 28th, at St Thomas's Hospital, to Kristin (née Nielsen) and Bruce, twin sons, Bruce Beyers and Knud Nielsen.

MONSTEN - On August 26th, to Caroline (née Ede) and Henry, a daughter, Victoria Tatiana.

LEYLAND - On August 22nd, to Mary (née Steel) and Jeremy, a daughter, Josephine Rosemary.

POE - On August 29th 1988, to Susie (née Clough) and Charlie, a daughter Laura Camilla.

RENWICK - On September 1st, to Roslyn (née Palmes) and Christopher, a son, Alexander.

RILEY - On Sunday August 28th 1988 to Julia (née Barker) and Mark, a son Nicholas, a brother for Edward.

SHEPHERD-BARRON - On August 24th, to James and Tessa (née Marsh), a son Rory Wilfred.

STEEDS - On August 26th, to Christine (née Liddle) and David, a daughter, Eleanor Mary, a sister for Julian and Nicola.

WALSH - On August 30th 1988, to Serena (née Lovett-Turner) and David, a daughter, Virginia, a sister for Jack.

WATKINS - On August 28th, at Kingston Hospital, to Janet (née Hunt) and Nigel, a son, Joel Gregory, a brother for Tara

MARRIAGES

ANDERSON:ANDREW - On August 27th, at Saint Stephen's, South Lambeth, the marriage took place between Mr. Ian M. Anderson and Miss Fiona Andrew.

BAKER-HUGHES - On August 26th, Friday, the marriage took place quietly in Sheffield, between His Honour Judge Peter Baker Q.C. and Mrs Sandra Elizabeth Hughes.

HARDER:KILLENDER - On Sunday August 28th, at Ebeltoft Town Hall, Jutland, Denmark, Paul Harder to Elizabeth Killender.

YOUNG:EVANS - On August 27th in Sutton, Harnish, son of Mr and Mrs D E Young to Hilary, daughter of Mr and Mrs K Head.

DEATHS

AMERIS - On August 26th, suddenly at his home, William John, aged 72, director and founder of Filmcraft Services of Farncraft LTD, New Malden. Cremation at the Putney Vale Crematorium, Kingston Rd, SW15 at 2pm on Tuesday 6th September. Flowers and enquiries to Mears and Cotterill, 161 Merton Rd, SW18. Telephone 01-874 7698.

ARMSTRONG - On August 18th 1988, suddenly and peacefully, in hospital, Francis William Armstrong, C.B., L.V.O.

BARTHELS - On Tuesday August 30th 1988, peacefully at Cardiff Royal Infirmary after a short illness, Alex Carl Barthels, M.D., M.R.C.O.G., of Peterston-Super-Ely formerley of London and Kettering. Beloved husband of Maggie, father of Anne, father in law of Patrick and grandfather of Hugh and Sarah. Funeral service at Thornhill Crematorium Chapel on Wednesday September 7th at 12.30pm. Family flowers only by request but donations if wished to Doctor Barnardo's 177 Newport Road, Cardiff.

BATTY - On August 31st, suddenly Arthur Neville beloved husband of Sylvia much loved father of Margaret (Margie). Cremation at East Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium at 1.45pm on Wednesday 7th September. Flowers to Stonebridge, 101 High Street, Edgware, Middx.

CADBURY - On August 31st 1988, peacefully at home, Joyce, widow of Laurence Cadbury, dearly loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Service at St. Francis Church, Bournville, Birmingham on Friday September 9th at 2.30 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please.

CRACROFT - On August 29th, suddenly and peacefully at home, Brigadier Hugh John Barnard Cracroft, D.S.O., aged 85 years. Beloved husband of Biddy, father of Sheila and Peter. Funeral service on Monday September 5th at 11am at Woodford Church, Dorset. Family flowers only please.

CREERAR - On August 26th 1988, at St. Stephen's Hospital, Chelsea, Robert Duncan, Secretary of The Chartered Buildings Societies Institute. Funeral service at 12.noon on Monday 5th September at Putney Vale Cemetery & Crematorium, Kingston Road, Putney, London SW15 3SB. Flowers or donations to support Cancer Research and a Hospice. Flowers to be sent by 10.00am 5th September to P.W. Ballard & Son Ltd, 308 Old Brompton Road, Earls Court, London SW5. Donations to be made by cheque payable to 'Robert D. Crerar Fund' and sent to The Chartered Building Societies Institute, 19 Baldock Street, Ware, Herts SG12 9DH.

DAY - On September 1st, peacefully at home, Sidney, dearly loved husband of Doreen (and the late Joyce), devoted father of Carol, Prudence, Averil, Eileen, Alison and Jeffrey, Stepfather of Brian, Neil and Anna. A beloved grandfather and father-in-law. Funeral 10am Friday 2nd of September, Bushey Jewish Cemetery, Little Bushey Lane, Bushey, Hertfordshire. Memorial prayers Hampstead Synagogue, Dennington Park Rd, NW6, Monday 5th September 6.30pm.

DICKENS - On August 30th 1988, peacefully after a short illness, Leslie Arthur Hamilton. Most dearly loved husband of Judy and much loved father of David, father-in-law of Andrie. Service at St Lawrence Church, Hawkhurst on Wednesday September 7th at 11.30am followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations if wished to The Royal Masonic Hospital c/o C. Waterhouse & Sons, High St, Burwash, East Sussex.

DICKENS - On August 30th, peacefully in hospital aged 84, Air Commodore Sir Louis Dickens K.B., D.F.C., A.F.C., D.L., father of Michael and Maureen. Funeral at Church of the Holy Ghost, Crowthorne, Berkshire, on Tuesday 6th September at 11 am. Family flowers only. Donations to R.A.F. Benevolent Fund. Enquiries to D.Greedy, House of Grace, Dukes Ride, Crowthorne, Berkshire.

DOBELL - On August 31st 1988, peacefully at Battle Hospital, Reading, Mavis Marjorie, beloved wife of the late Air Commodore Osborne Dobell and much loved mother of David and Diana and grandmother of Simon, Mark, Edward and Hilary. Funeral to be held privately.

FRY - On August 29th, suddenly but peacefully at home, Kenneth George, aged 71, beloved husband of Sylvia, father of Margaret, David and Richard. Private cremation at Exeter. Family flowers only but donations if desired to British Heart Foundation, 102 Gloucester Place, London W1H 4DH.

GARRATT - On August 31st, peacefully to hospital, Florrie of Hitchin, Hertfordshire, in her 92nd year. Beloved widow of Jack and loving mother of the late Rhona. Cremation will take place at the Vale Crematorium, Luton on Thursday, September 8th at 2.30pm. No flowers at her request but donations for the Imperial Cancer Research may be sent to Chenery Funeral Services, 44 Bedford Road, Hitchin, Herts.

GLENN - On August 26th, in Melbourne, Elizabeth wife of Sir Archibald Glenn.

GRAYBURN - On August 28th 1988, in hospital, Bill of Park Lane, Aldeburgh, dear Dad of Lesley and the late Alastair, also Grandad of William. Thanksgiving service at Aldeburgh Suffolk Parish Church, on Monday September 5th at 2pm. No flowers.

GROSS - On Thursday September 1st 1988, peacefully, aged 84 years, at Ling Cottage, Murtle Estate, Bieldside, Aberdeen, Hermann Gross, artist and painter. A dear husband of Trude and well known and loved throughout the Camphill Movement. The Christian Community Service at Camphill Hall, Murtle Estate, Bieldside on Monday, September 5th at 9.30 am. All friends respectfully invited. Interment thereafter at Marycutter Churchyard.

HARRISON - On August 30th, Barbara Jean, courageous always, beloved wife of Professor Sir Richard Harrison F.R.S. Cremation private.

HEALY - On August 8th, in Adelaide, South Australia, Francis Robert. Loved eldest son of the late Robert Patrick and Kate Sophie Healy and brother of Richard, C.F.C., Vincent and Marguerite, Daniel (deceased), Nora and Neville (deceased), Margaret and Robert, Peter and Margaret, Brigid and Raphael. Loved and respected by 39 nieces and nephews. Requiescat In Pace.

JOBY - On August 30th, in great peace, in the week of her 90th birthday, at Tilford Park Nursing Home, Surrey, Daphne Elizabeth Geraldine, dearly loved wife of the late Norman Joby F.R.C.S., and beloved mother of Marianne, William, Philippa (deceased), Sarah and Clive. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends and especially by her eleven grandchildren. Funeral at All Saints Church, Tilford, Surrey on Tuesday 6th September at 4.00 pm.

MACKEOWN - On Wednesday August 31st, peacefully at home after a long illness most bravely borne, Patrick John, BA, FCA, dearly beloved husband of Elizabeth and devoted father of William, Isobel and Alastair. Funeral service at Chichester Crematorium on Tuesday September 6th at 3.30pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, c/o Funeral Services Petersfield Ltd, 19 The Square, Petersfield, Hants. Enquiries to (0730) 62771.

MACRAE - On September 1st 1988 peacefully in Edinburgh Margaret, beloved wife of the late Kenneth and dear mother of Fiona and Christine. Service at Warriston Crematorium, Cloister Chapel, Edinburgh at 1.15pm on Monday 5th September.

MARTINEAU - On August 31st, peacefully at St Georges Hospital, late of Needles Court, Milford-on-Sea, Selina Kathleen, aged 91 years. Funeral service at Southampton Crematorium on Thursday September 8th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please, donations if wished to R.S.P.B. c/o Diamond & Son Funeral Director, 9-11 Lower Buckland Road, Lymington.

NEWMAN - On August 29th, peacefully in the Homerton Hospital, The Reverend Harrison Newman aged 75, lately Chaplain to the Hackney Hospital Group. Funeral Mass at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Lauderdale Road, Tottenham on Thursday, September 8th at 12.30 pm followed by cremation at New Southgate Crematorium. Cut flowers may be sent to the Church or donations to St. Joseph's Hospice, Hackney. Jesu mercy. Mary pray.

NICHOLLS - On August 17th 1988, Adeline Mary wife of Brigadier Arthur Nicholls R.A.E.C. of Beaconsfield. Funeral service on Wednesday Sept 7th. 12.15pm St. Marys and All Saints Beaconsfield followed by cremation. Please no flowers but donations to The R.A.F. Benevolent fund c/o G. Smith Woolburn Limited, 7 The Green Woolburn, Bucks

OLSZOWSKI - On Tuesday August 30th, Tadeusz, aged 81. Dearly loved husband of Zofia, father of Stefan, Andrzej and Szymon, and dear grandfather of his eleven grandchildren. Funeral private, no flowers please, but donations instead to Sue Ryder Foundation, Cavendish, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 8AY, or Medical Aid to Poland, 16 Warwick Road, London SW5 9UD.

SHEPHERD - On August 31st 1988, David, dearly beloved husband of Iris Louise, dear dear father of Iain, Nigel and Ann, grandfather of Euan, Niall, Lesa, Fiona and Callum. Funeral at Mortonhall Crematorium, Memorial Chapel, Edinburgh, at 11.15 am, on September 5th, 1988. No flowers or letters please.

SHEPHERD - On August 29th 1988 at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury, after a short illness, Ruth Annabel aged 72. Much loved widow of Hugh, mother of Michael and Nicholas, grandmother of William, Simon, Thomas, Sam and Alice, Hugh, Sophie. Funeral Tuesday, September 6th, 1.30pm at Amersham Crematorium. No flowers but donations if desired to Aylesbury Vale Hospice, Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury.

STEVENSON - On August 29th, peacefully in hospital, Rosalind widow of Melford and beloved mother of Elizabeth and John. Cremation private, service at St Thomas' Church, Winchelsea on Thursday 8th September at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to either Christ's Hospital, Horsham or The Royal Hospital and Homes for Incurables, c/o Ellis Brothers Funeral Services Ltd, 1st Cinque Ports Street, Rye, East Sussex.

TANSLEY - On September 1st, aged 76, peacefully at 238, Bournemouth Road, Chandler's Ford, Phyllis Margaret, formerly of Kingsdale Court, Winchester, Widow of the late Commander S.W. Tansley R.N.R., Beloved mother of Margaret. Dearest sister of Allan and treasured Grandma of Alison and Giles. Funeral service at St Boniface Church, Chandler's Ford on Monday September 5th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to R.N.L.I. c/o Rodger's Funeral Directors, Market Street, Eastleigh.

WARD - On August 24th, John Robertson "Happy" Ward, F.A.I.A., beloved husband of Dolores. Funeral on Monday September 5th at 3.30 pm at the Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, London NW11. Flowers to: J H Kenyon, 85 Westbourne Grove, London W2 or donations, if desired, to the Great Ormond St Children's Hospital.

WILLIAMS - On August 31st, Elizabeth Ursula, peacefully at home in Llandaff aged 75. Widow of Ivor and much loved mother of Ann, Mair, Pippa and Stella. Resting at Roath Court Funeral Home, Cardiff, until the service in the Chapel on Tuesday 6th September at 12.00. Afterwards at Thornhill Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations to Cardiff Friends Meeting or NSPCC Appeals Office, Brindley Road, Cardiff.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HARRIES - A Memorial Service for Commander J. Leslie Harries, O.B.E., G.M. and Bar, Legion of Merit R.C.N. (retired). General Manager (retired) Sun Life of Canada, will take place at St. James Church, Piccadilly, London SW1 on Wednesday, 5th October, 1988 at 11.30am.

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WASHINGTON - Henry. A Solemn Mass of Requiem, will be held on Friday September 16th at 6pm at Brompton Oratory.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

CLARK William T. (Bill) Truly a friend of all the world. No one was excluded. Elisabeth.

Australians keep alive traditions of Cornwall

Two Australian women are to be honoured in Cornwall tomorrow when they will dress as druids to be initiated as Cornish bards.

The ancient ceremony, in the presence of 200 blue robed bards, takes place on the cliff top at Poldhu, Cornwall, from where Marconi sent his first radio message across the Atlantic in 1901.

One of them, Mrs Lilian James, of Tea Tree Gully, South Australia, has learnt and speaks the Cornish language. The other, Mrs Betty Eggleton, of Hampton, Victoria, becomes a bard for her work as secretary of the Cornish Association of Victoria.

Twenty-one new bards are to be sworn in during the sixtieth annual Cornish Gorsedd.

Mr Richard Jenkin, the Grand Bard, said that three other Australians would be admitted as bards in their absence. They are Mr Ian Auhl, of Burnside, South Australia, a *Cornish history* expert; Mr Christopher Dunkerley, of the Cornish Association of Sydney and Celtic Association of Australia; and Lady Wilson, widow of the politician, Sir Keith Wilson.

Her grandfather, Sir John Langdon Bonython, founder of the Cornish Association of South Australia, was himself made a Cornish bard 53 years ago, becoming the first Australian to be accorded the honour.

Tomorrow's ceremony, much of it in Cornish, will be the last for Mr Jenkin, a school teacher, as Grand Bard. He is stepping down after three years and will hand over to Dr John Chesterfield.

Roman remains

The remains of a Roman settlement, uncovered during building work for a new car park at Orpington, Kent, are to be preserved by Bromley Council for public viewing with a purpose-built cover, walkway, information panels and tape recorded commentary at a cost of £78,000.

New observatory

Work started yesterday on the Royal Greenwich Observatory's new headquarters in Cambridge. Astronomers have opposed the move from the present headquarters at Herstmonceux in Sussex and are worried the observatory will be swallowed up by Cambridge University. The building is expected to be completed in 1990.

Royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend the Remembrance Day service at the Cenotaph on November 13.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Captain General of the Royal Marines, will visit units on Exercise Teamwork in Norway from September 17 to 19.

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THE ARTS

Living and loving in the slaughterhouse

TELEVISION

The whys and wherefores of civil wars often confuse foreign observers, but the bones of contention in family conflicts can completely elude outsiders unless they stumble across the appropriate skeleton in the cupboard. The brilliant coup of Jennifer Fox's remarkable documentary, *Beirut – The Last Home Movie* (Channel 4), which explored the mad dignity and frenetic calm of a Lebanese Christian family living in a miraculously preserved palace amid the bullet-ridden rubble and maimed tower-blocks of that unhappy city, was the way which the family skeleton suddenly and belatedly burst from its exquisite antique confines to give meaning to the wistfully tense household. All around there were the brutal, anonymous images of the seemingly senseless slaughter of the civil war – black bearded, khaki-clothed braves bang-banging away at other black bearded, khaki-clothed braves with a full frontal array of suggestively shaped weaponry.

Until the skeletal flash of understanding, the quaintly regimented rituals of the Bustros family – lunch at One whatever bullets may come their way – were more easily grasped than the precise relationship of the principle characters giving and taking a gentler flak: Mimi, the widowed, elegantly attractive mother in her late fifties, two resident sisters, Nyla, aged 36, and Mouna, aged 39, with that drawn, black-ringed but addictively sexy beauty of those chain smoking *femmes fatale* of the French cinema of old, 35-year-old Gaby, an exiled sister returned with the American film makers, comic ugly duckling kid sister who had called a halt half way to becoming a swan, Fady, aged 26, an afterthought of a baby brother turned into an about-to-be-married, slickly moustachoed motor rallier, sundry children. The odd adult male of indeterminate role included one handsome man, Maurice, eager to show off his slide-show about Senegal.

The women seemed to rule the household. There was much vague emotional musing about the house, the dead father and past glories when suddenly it was revealed that Mouna had married and had had a child with Maurice, but had left him. He then married and had a child with Nyla. "When something is destracted I find it beautiful," Mouna said of Beirut with a rare slip in her English – but her whole being seemed obsessed with the preservation of the house. And the marital musical chairs seemed curiously to have bound the household together.

If a workable, albeit tense, harmony can be made from that confusion surely the little local difficulties outside the house can be sorted out.

Andrew Hislop

In the addicts' Arden

DONALD COOPER



In a double act: Kenneth Branagh (Touchstone), in motley, with Richard Easton (Jaques)

THEATRE

As You Like It
Phoenix

Renaissance Theatre Company has been given generous media coverage for its Shakespeare season, and no lover of quality would begrudge them an inch of it. Interviews with the three directors, profiles of the cast; nothing so far concerning the views of the company's patron, the Prince of Wales, but one hopes he is relishing the high standing his protégés have achieved so swiftly.

Geraldine McEwan sets her breath-taking production in Edwardian times, and the play takes readily to the time-change; there are no over-ingenious anachronisms in the design (by Jenny Tiramani) to jar the attention with their cleverness, while, from the other angle, the text's one reference to "doublet and hose" comes across as an acceptably stock metaphor.

A slight rearrangement of scenes to bunch the early palace incidents together makes for a moment's loss of clarity; then the gauze canopy, that had seemed only painted with leaves, gives a sort of shrug and the leaves fall to the ground, preparing us for the Forest of Arden. From then on, the play charms.

Not that the early scenes lack their store of treasure. The wrestling match is genuinely thrilling, watched by the members of the Duke's court with the attention apt to each; and right from the start the characters are brimful of life-giving detail: Shaun Prendergast's pussycat-like Le Beau, for example, glancing over his shoulder shows a courtier's concern for eavesdroppers.

The girls in their scenes together display the tremulous joys of youth, a wistful longing for happiness that we can watch calling up the masquerades and make-believe of childhood, then see this prove no guard against the awkward pangs of love. Sophie Thompson's Celia adopts absurd voices to unnerve her companion before retreating to the sidelines. The mischievous Rosalind of Tam Hoskyns, shimmering with joy in her Bisto Kid togs, brings a sighing tone to her courtship of Orlando (James Larkin) that goes to the character's heart.

The speaking is admirable throughout, clear and, within the loose confines of the verse, colloquial. McEwan even introduces little exclamations, that just hold back from being inserted words.

Richard Easton's amused Jaques is a warmer onlooker than is usual, and his "Seven Ages" speech is a model for precise and funny mimicry. The comic turn of the evening, however, is Kenneth Branagh's super Touchstone, eye-blinding in his motley of red and yellow tartan. He makes his endless quips extraordinarily funny, has a habit of advancing on his betters bent double like Groucho, and with his letterbox grin manages to be at the same time seedy, quick-witted and just a little sinister. Those lucky enough to see this as their first Shakespeare will be hooked for life.

Jeremy Kingston

Departed star and departing audience

ROCK

David Lee Roth
Hammersmith Odeon

Although David Lee Roth has successfully converted the impetus of his time spent as vocalist with Van Halen into a million-selling solo career, there is no doubt which of the parties came off worse after his departure from the group in 1984. The firm musical foundations of Van Halen were unshaken, while Roth's fortunes have come to depend more than ever on the skin-deep appeal of his flamboyant personality, his Adonis looks and the high energy athleticism of his performing style rather than on his abilities as a singer, writer or musician.

Now at 32 years old, his high kicks are not quite what they were and he is already starting to look a little frayed around the edges. There was an emptiness at the core of this performance almost glaring enough to match the dazzling output of the tons of lighting equipment suspended above the stage.

Dressed in skin-tight, black sequinned trousers and matching skimpy jacket, his long, blond thatch tied with a blue headband, Roth maintained a roving presence about the stage, while the band cranked out furious double bass drum boogies such as "The Bottom Line" and Van Halen's "Hot For Teacher" with good heart.

But some of the more vigorous routines left him noticeably short of the breath required to sing in tune. Every so often during the long set, he stopped for a cigarette break and a rap with the audience. "What do you expect? I'm a rock star not a blues singer," he remarked defiantly at the end of a wooden big band blues pastiche, "I'm Easy".

Even so, there was a serious imbalance between content and *chutzpah*. There was a mildly amusing moment when the musicians reorganized themselves into a steel band for a brief interlude, but sympathy waned during the cabaret-metal segue "Just A Gigolo/I Ain't Got Nobody" and evaporated completely in the face of an appalling version of the Beach Boys' "California Girls" – a joke item which remains, tellingly, his biggest hit.

What the audience really wanted to hear, of course, was Van Halen's "Jump", but Roth made them wait until the final encore, after which there was an unusually rapid dispersal from the venue.

David Sinclair

The Lady is a wit

MUSICAL

Lady in the Dark
Usher Hall

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL



The excuses for not reviving Kurt Weill's musical *Lady in the Dark* on the stage usually start with the impossibility of matching the original 1941 cast – Gertrude Lawrence, Danny Kaye and all. Then there are the problems of mounting three vast dream-sequences; the Broadway production used four concentric revolving stages.

Yet the real difficulty may be that *Lady* is simply too intelligent for modern tastes. One reason why Sondheim's musicals flop commercially more often than they hit is that he writes lyrics like Ira Gershwin's for *Lady*: witty, allusive, flaunting clever rhymes, and positively brazen about "name-dropping", the latest chic preoccupation of the Manhattan intelligentsia.

In 1941 it was psychoanalysis. *Lady* is about a troubled editor of a fashion magazine having her curious dreams analysed by her shrink. In one hallucination, for example, she interrupts her own wedding to shout things like "Where are the proofs?" at startled subordinates. That is precisely the sort of thing an editor *would* do.

But this repressed lady also harbours a subconscious carnal desire for her advertising manager, and that really must be a unique mental disorder. "You have magazines instead of babies," he tells her.

The dream-sequences allowed Weill to write a stunning series of pastiche numbers – clangorous circus music, an old school song, Sullivanesque patter refrains like the celebrated "Tchaikovsky Song", a Victorian ballad of pure bathos, even a bluesy number, "The Song of Jenny", that seems to send up the music he wrote himself in his Berlin days. But the score is also plentifully supplied with fine lyrical ballads. Even its sizzling orchestration has subtleties: Latin-American rhythms, for instance, represent the heroine's insecurity.

John Mauceri conducted the Scottish Opera Orchestra and Chorus in this spirited and immensely enjoyable concert performance, which brought all Weill's score together for the first time (he cut the moody overture before the first night). Mauceri also condensed Moss Hart's original dialogue to give the bones of the plot. Patricia Hodge invested the title role with necessary chilliness, and revealed a serviceable, slightly Julie Andrews-like singing voice; Mark Tinkler crooned the part of the film-star Randy Curtis (a "precious amalgam of Anthony Eden and Lancelot") in a suitably suave baritone, and there was an outstandingly well-characterized performance from Forbes Masson in the "Danny Kaye" role of the Ringmaster.

Earlier in the day, Vladimir Ovchinikov's piano recital gave a packed Queen's Hall audience an epic morning – Liszt's Transcendental Studies and Rachmaninov's Etudes-Tableaux, Op. 33, including the two published posthumously – but also tended to confirm the impression that last year's Leeds winner needs to cultivate greater vision and individuality to go with his prodigious technical skills.

He barnstormed splendidly: Liszt's "Wilde Jagd" all but shook the pillars of the old building, and Rachmaninov's C-Sharp Minor *Etudes* was delivered with controlled venom. There were a few missed octave leaps elsewhere, but generally in these demanding pieces, Ovchinikov scored heavily with his rich chordings and his crisp articulation of rhythm.

Richard Morrison

THEATRE

Le Jeu de l'amour et du hasard
Leith Theatre

The idea of disguising Marivaux's characters as monkeys may sound anachronistically post-Darwinian, even post-Desmond Morris, but it quickly becomes clear that Alfredo Arias and his group, Groupe TSE, have in mind the *Singeries* of the 18th-century, genre pieces in which monkeys ape the fine dress and manners of their masters, rather than the raw bestiality of the zoo. The point – and it is conveyed with wonderful wit and delicacy by this stylish production, warmly praised by Diane Hill in Paris last year – is that monkeys are both more exquisite and more gross than human beings.

When Silvia and her maid Lisette scratch themselves in intimate places and pick nits out of each other's hair, they do so with such grace that the paradox is brought home in a single gesture. Elsewhere courtly airs are juxtaposed with simian barbarity to point up the co-existence of



Delicate: Marilu Marini as Silvia

extreme surface sophistication and underlying crudity of motives characteristic of 18th-century French amorous comedy.

Unlike the recent *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*, however, it is all done within the confines of a period style. Claudie and Gastine set the action in a half ruined baroque rotunda decorated with painted shells, with ivy curling through the windows and the noises of crickets and birds audible in the distance.

When it comes to the acting, the degree of "monkeyness" is subtly modulated as the piece proceeds. The two servants are more unrestrainedly simian than the master and mistress with whom they swap roles. Alain Salomon's baboon-like Arlequin rather upstages his master Dorante (Sacundo Bo) in a performance of exuberant vulgarity. The fact that Zobeida's Lisette is given to rolling over on her back and kicking her legs in the air, does not detract at all from the character's pert self-satisfaction – and gives her novel means of repelling Arlequin's advances. And when Larry Hager's Orgon shuffles around on all fours as a bald, coconut-headed old orang-utan, such is the inate dignity of that ape that his position as head of the house is, in a way, enhanced.

Least grossly monkey-like is Marilu Marini's passionate Silvia; but with hanging wrists and little sideways movements of her head she suggests one of the smaller, more delicate kinds. This is not the only way to play Marivaux – but it is carried off with a verve and grace that the playwrite would surely have applauded. The curtain-call, in which monkey players sarcastically ape our human clapping, is a most delectable invention.

Harry Eyres

PROMENADE CONCERTS

Leipzig GO/Masur
Albert Hall/Radio 3

In marked contrast to their first tightly organic Beethoven Prom, the Leipzig Gewandhaus concluded their visit to London with a programme disparate almost to the point of distraction. Only the character of the playing held it together; and it was a vividly idiosyncratic presence which the audience was reluctant to let go.

Mendelssohn's "Scottish" Symphony, to begin with, had clearly benefited from the bright Italian sunshine in which its composition was subconsciously germinated. Kurt Masur swept every trace of mist away – pretty nearly every vestige of received Romanticism, too – in a delicately poised dance-suite of a performance.

The determination never to spread the arc of a phrase, never to slide into easy sentiment marked, too, their performance of Rachmaninov's *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*. As in all their performances, the orchestra was well spread out: trumpets and trombones, horns and harp separated as if they disowned each other, giving a glassy transparency of sound. It was particularly effective where solo wind instruments framed the pianist, Peter Rösel. He, for his part, behaved like a well-mannered associate.

For Strauss's *Till Eulenspiegel* they closed ranks, yet with all the spaces filled still created a wonderfully light-textured scherzo of a tone-poem, whose radiance even anticipated *Rosenkavalier*. Masur and his players looked back over their shoulders as well in a curiously apt, exuberant performance of Weber's *Oberon* overture as encore.

Hilary Finch

Tallis Scholars
St Paul's Knightsbridge/Radio 3

This was sublime. The Tallis Scholars and Peter Phillips have no need to plead a special case just because they concentrate on Renaissance polyphony. For one thing they have already captured a large slice of the music-loving public's imagination with such music; and for another they have matured into an ensemble whose professionalism is of the highest level. Moreover, they sing as if they genuinely feel the emotion implicit in every harmonic progression, every weave of counterpoint, in this complex and beguiling art.

Their late night prom, entirely of Hispanic music, began with a dense, expressive motet by Alonso Lobo, *Quam pulchri sunt gressus tui*. Here Phillips was careful to give the music the momentum it needed, at the same time inducing that characteristic blend from his boyish-sounding sopranos and the penetrating tone of his tenors and basses which keeps each line distinct, no matter how busy the texture.

Lucidity was equally a hallmark of these singers' account of the Maundy Thursday Lamentations by the Mexican composer Juan Gutiérrez de Padilla, on this evidence something of a neglected master. The contrapuntal writing here was notable for its remarkable freedom, though Padilla always paints his text with an exquisite sensitivity.

He and the singers were equally responsive in Victoria's Office for the Dead, sung here complete with the motet, *Versa est in luctum*, and the final *Absolutio*. If anyone listening still believed that all Renaissance sacred music sounds the same, the contrasts of mood and manner in this work and this performance would surely have convinced otherwise.

Stephen Pettitt

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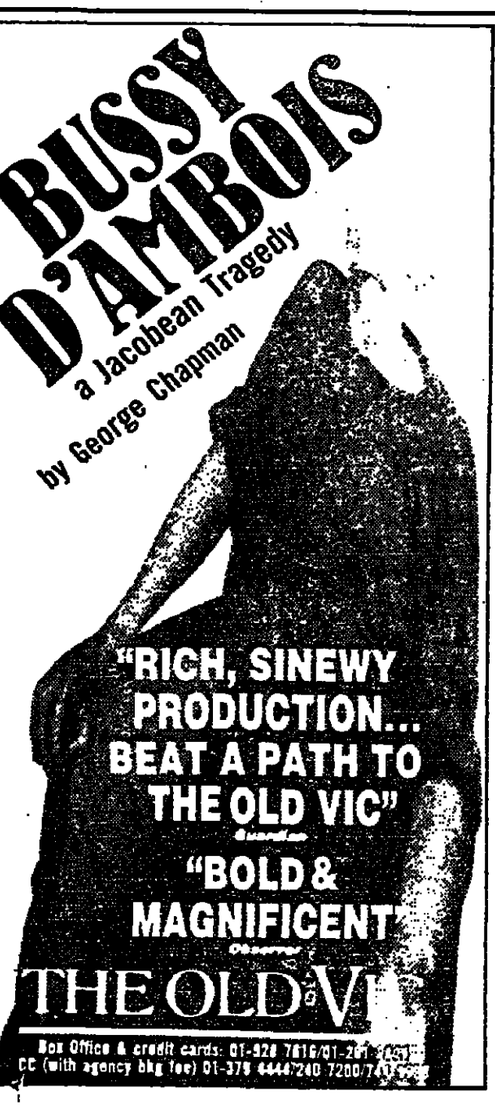
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FRIDAY PAGE

That girl has got to go...

The honeymoon is over. Nanny thinks employer is a petty nit-picker; employer thinks nanny is letting her standards slip. A domestic crisis threatens — how to stop nanny flouncing out and leaving you in the lurch . . . do you *really* want her to stay? In the final part of our series Charlotte Breese and Hilaire Gomer reveal some universal causes of friction, how to cope with its symptoms — and when to say 'You're sacked'

Part 5
THE GOOD NANNY GUIDE

Very few people can be said truly to *need* a nanny. Employers hire one of their own free will and the mistake most of them make is to think that money will somehow buy them immunity from problems.

If you hire a super-experienced and highly trained girl to live in and look after your children, you will cut out many of the obvious stresses. But there will always be some friction, disagreement, problems of adjustment and personality differences.

Friction can cause fire, but the fuel which provides ignition is what any good employer, keen to keep a nanny or mother's help long term, needs to analyse thoroughly.

Nannies and mother's helps grumble about the following: not being paid on time; being given too short notice for babysitting; last-minute changes of plan; employers cluttering up the kitchen/playroom; employers not making up their minds; employers forgetting repeatedly to do something they said they would; employers getting drunk; employers shouting at and rowing with each other; employers saving up several grumbles and bringing them up unexpectedly; always running out of lavatory paper, cleaning aids; old, inefficient machines, eg vacuum cleaners; employers being mean with the heating in winter; having to leave everything tidy always.

Employers grumble about nannies: not emptying the disposable nappy bin; pretending the nappy pail is infinitely expandable; not washing up immediately, entirely and thoroughly (employers are bad about this as well); allowing thick dust and deep litter to gather in the children's rooms; allowing toys to get smashed or lost because they haven't been properly organized; not saying if the buggy/pram/high chair needs repair; not dressing the children properly; children's unbrushed hair, dirty and uncut finger nails, tidemarks round the neck and behind the ears; unswilled, unrinsed, undisinfected and unscrubbed potties.

Employers and nannies have unrealistic expectations of each other. Even after months, they may still cling to the stereotypes they first dreamt up for each other. This is particularly common when either employer or nanny is new to the game.

It is pretty much the employer's responsibility to discourage any nanny from usurping her role as a mother, housekeeper and social secretary. Your nanny may know more about your life at home than you do, and this makes some employers jumpy. Not just jumpy, but positively paranoid. This can stem from general feelings of guilt and wistfulness that some working mothers suffer from because they are not watching their child grow up in every tiny way.

One Norlander said: "It is not the big issues that curdle a relationship; they are contracted for and discussed. It's just the petty things." Stories of employers' pettiness and nit-picking abound. There are employers who wash eggs before cracking them; who always keep leftovers, from bacon rind to half a cupcake; who pelt marauding cats with oranges from the top storey and insist that the nanny do so too; who ask her to say they're out when they're in; who take a Fort Knox approach to locking every door and who, as a child's tenth cold of the term starts, huddle the family under a huge towel to inhale Wright's Vaporizer and press the nanny to join them.

All of these may be causes of friction which in turn give rise to symptoms of friction. Employers begin to fear that their nannies don't like them and are rude about them behind their backs. Sniggers stop as they enter, tearful phone calls to the parents abound, the SitsVac page of every magazine is propped up on the coffee pot, and rather posh voices on the phone ask for Miss X. Employers' paranoia sets in. The Lucan Solution (remember he sought to solve domestic strife with murder and killed his nanny in error) threatens. Meanwhile the nanny is unaware that you have taken in all these details and have been reduced to a gibbering wreck.

Husbands can be tremendously helpful in these circumstances if they want. They can ask the nanny to be considerate/understanding/more sensitive. It is often easier for her to take this sort of thing from the old hag. Several mothers confess that after a sleepless night worrying about what the nanny is really up to when they are not there, as soon as the nanny has taken the children out they have crept furtively to the nanny's room, obsessed by the need to have their suspicions confirmed.

Snooping is outrageous and unprofessional and the temptation to do so should be resisted. It speaks of a total lack of moral courage. Employers will not like themselves any better for resorting to such low conduct and ought to deal with each warning flare as it goes up.

You have either forgotten about the House Rules by now and that is why you have friction problems, or the nanny has adhered to the whole bunch of rules up until now and things are beginning to slip. This may start to happen at three months or six months or any time thereafter. She is probably not doing it to test your memory, the restrictions are just getting to her.

Decide with your partner whether you mind maintaining your carefully constructed edifice of strictures as continued self-defence. You may want to rethink certain aspects of them.

It is worth saying that the best nanny/employer relationships seem to be based on a good deal of give and take. Nannies are great ones for not sticking to what their agencies, colleges or bolshie friends insist are their rights — if they like you and you are clearly not out to exploit their kindness, they will want to do many little extras for you. In return, after praise and thanks, next time it will be your turn to be more easygoing as well, and if she has any sense she won't take advantage of you either.

If all the House Rules are being bent and broken all over the shop and you haven't had the energy to enforce them for a month, don't put off the day of reckoning any longer. Either she lives the way you want under your roof or she goes.

The Good Nanny Guide by Charlotte Breese and Hilaire Gomer will be published on September 8 by Century (£6.95).

STEPHEN GIBSON



Mucking in: nanny Katherine holds Kirsten, while Caroline Adam sits with Kirsten's twin sister, Frances

'A nanny's most important role is to be family when I am not here'

Although NNEB trained, 23-year-old Katherine Rattray had not bathed a baby before she became nanny to twins two years ago. Caroline Adam, the twins' mother and chief assistant of BBC Radio Scotland, had never employed anyone in her home before and had no fixed idea about what she was looking for. But they all "mucked in together" and learnt as they went along.

They met first when Caroline turned up unannounced at Katherine's house one evening in the pouring rain "very pregnant and soaking wet", after Katherine had replied to her ad in the local paper. Katherine had just emerged from the bath and successfully coped with her interview in her pyjamas.

Their easy-going relationship probably worked so well (though they spent a quiet, tentative first week) because much was understood from the beginning. Caroline, who is single, reckons a nanny's most important role is "to be family when I am not here — and when I am here, Katherine is also part of that family."

They all live in Caroline's mews flat with a huge garden in the Borders, where Katherine shares the twins' room. When the twins woke up in the night hungry, Katherine would take one to her bed while Caroline fed the other.

For £55 per week Katherine keeps the twins "clean, fed, warm, safe and happy" and launders their clothes and bedding. "Katherine made it very clear she didn't wish to do any housework," Caroline says. (Katherine had left a previous job when she had been required to do little else.) "She didn't let on that she is quite a good cook." Any problems are aired over supper (cooked by Caroline).

Katherine's weekends are free and she takes the same (paid) holidays as Caroline (about five weeks per annum). When she plucks up courage to learn to drive, she will have use of the car, and Caroline's job sometimes gives her a chance to travel.

Both women are very keen that Katherine should stay at least until the twins go to school. "Then I'll probably move on," Katherine says. "If I can cope with this I can cope with anything."

THE ART OF SPEAKING UP WHEN SOMETHING IS WRONG

Whatever happens, try to issue instructions and admonitions pleasantly. Rather than risk an eruption which you will regret, go somewhere else, think quietly about it and compose your features into some semblance of sanity before tackling the subject.

Second chances, given your nanny's youth and probable immaturity, should be considered, unless she has done something that is *totally unacceptable*. Find out exactly why and how things went wrong, sleep on it, and see if it won't suit both of you best if you forgive her. Remember priorities. The children may love her and she may be conscientious and kind to them; you are made of sterner stuff than they are.

However, it is only fair that a nanny should be quite clear that certain behaviour while in your employ will mean summary dismissal.

One clear example of summary dismissal is provided by one employer who, having refused permission for any boyfriend to go into the house, returned after an evening out to find her nanny and a man in the employer's bed. Other reasons for disciplinary measures could be:

- Job incompetence.
- Unsatisfactory standards of dress or appearance.
- Conduct during or outside working hours prejudicial to the interest or reputation of the employer.
- Causing a disruptive influence.
- Unreliability in time-keeping.
- Failure to comply with instructions and procedure.

Employers report that the following Sackable Offence Situations have provided ground for dismissal if, having been warned, a nanny does nothing to correct them: unkindness to children, theft, dishonesty, smelliness, smacking, general bad temper, rudeness, neglect of children, swearing, sulking, boyfriends overnight, men in beds or anywhere *in flagrante*, getting off with the husband, drunkenness, insincerity, favouritism, irresponsibility, loose behaviour, being a know-all, insolence, pregnancy, slovenliness, over-familiarity, hypochondria, idleness, selfishness and shopping for herself on duty.

If you need to take disciplinary action they suggest procedure might be first, oral warning; second, written warning; third, dismissal. Be reassured that if you need to resort to any of these, you are not alone. One father summed up many employers' SOSs as "theft and fornication on the premises".

A princely nose for good business

How a young china mender got off to a flying royal start in her own enterprise

BARRY GREENWOOD



China in her hand: Rowena Goodby, who borrowed money from the Prince's Trust to join the Enterprise Allowance Scheme

Was Voltaire Roman-nosed? Snub-nosed? Retroussé? Last week 20-year-old Rowena Goodby consulted reference books, found the answer ("slightly snubbed") and in two 14-hour days restored the 1850s bust brought to her by a visiting American.

Armed with a diploma in Ceramic Conservation and Restoration, Goodby started up her own business in Stoke-on-Trent on May 1 this year, having decided that the only person who was going to employ her to mend china was herself.

She wanted to join the Government's Enterprise Allowance Scheme, but to do that an initial personal investment of £1,000, as proof of good intent, is necessary. Unfortunately her father, a retired train driver, could not raise the money. So she went to the Prince's Youth Business Trust, which by a nice quirk of fate was set up out of the profits of all those commemorative wares — including an awful lot of china — sold at the time of the royal wedding.

The Prince's Trust liked the idea of a ceramic restoration business, especially one based at Stoke-on-Trent in the heart of England's pottery land. They gave Goodby £1,000 and lent her a further £1,250, which she has to pay back at 2 per cent interest over three years from November. This meant that she could join the Enterprise Allowance Scheme, which now pays her £40 a week for the next year. The question is — what happens next May when that allowance ends?

Goodby is confident about both her own ability to make it and the Prince's Trust's eye for a good business concern. "They pick people who are nigh-on guaranteed to succeed," she says. "The failure rate is piffling, in this area anyway."

Nevertheless, a recent report has pointed out that not all the businesses nurtured by the Enterprise Allowance Scheme have made it much beyond that first cocooned year of life. Extreme youth, mismanagement, lack of business acumen — whatever the reason, a significant failure rate exists.

At the moment, however, for Goodby "it's going a hell of a lot better than I thought". In the first month of business, she made twice as much as her most optimistic expectations. Her equipment has been expensive to buy although she has shrewdly adapted it to her needs. Her kiln is actually a second-hand pharmaceutical oven for drying aspirins, which cost £317 and takes an hour to reach the ideal temperature of 125° Fahrenheit. Her studio is an upstairs room reeking of glue in her terrace house. All this demonstrates the necessary enterprise. What she has to do now is create — and retain — her market.

Fortunately, Stoke-on-Trent appears to be full of families with treasured pieces of Doulton or Minton. "They are terrified of burglaries when they go on holiday, so they leave them with a friend. If the friend breaks it, he'll come here and say — can it be fixed within a week before they come back?"

The American market is also potentially lucrative: "There are very few restoration studios there, the work is poor quality and they charge a minimum of $100 (about £60). It is English restorers who have the best reputation in the world," Goodby says.

She has been employed by several local antique dealers who are so delighted to have someone locally who does not charge London prices, that some of them are loath to pass on her number to others.

While a restored antique is not as valuable as a perfect original, its worth is undoubtedly enhanced by her expert treatment.

Opportunities for skulduggery abound. "People ask you to forge marks or to disguise the fact that it's a second." But anyone who tries to take advantage of her because she is young is simply wasting time. She used paint stripper to remove £60-worth of her own work on a vase when its owner refused to pay the agreed restoration price.

"I am not willing to be treated badly or to have people telling me what to do," she says, glancing around her studio. "It may not be much of a workshop — an old Formica-top table and a secondhand carpet — but it is *my* work and there is a nice feeling of satisfaction."

At the end of her first year she intends to have built herself up sufficiently with orders from abroad to train teenagers on a YTS scheme, before dispatching them to West Dean College in Sussex, where she did her diploma. If she manages to do that, the system will certainly be vindicated.

Next May is a long way off, however. What keeps her going is the memory of a teacher telling her that a woman couldn't get anywhere without typing. "I am determined to go back to my old school and say Ha! I have got on and never touched a typewriter in my life."

Fionnuala McHugh

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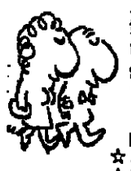


Ring in the old

Many of today's most popular new products reflect an apparent search for reassurance. Reproductions of a bygone age — stitched leather luggage, club ties, Bakelite telephones — are challenging the supremacy of matt-black and hi-tech. Tomorrow the new, colourful Saturday *Times* charts the future of the past

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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **THE ADMIRABLE CRICHTON:** J.M. Barrie's other desert island play, with Rex Harrison as the futile earl and Edward Fox as his perfect butler.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (01-930 9832). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm, mats Wed, Sat 3-5.50pm. £4-£15.

☆ **BLOOD BROTHERS:** Willy Russell's sentimental musical: separated twins destroyed by the English class system; Kiki Dee as their mother.
Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-867 1115). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.45pm, mats Thurs 3-6pm, and Sat 4-7pm. £6.90-£16.50.

☆ **CAPTAIN CARVALLO:** Angela Thorne and Neil Stacy in revival of Denis Cannan's witty comedy to do with changed identities in the aftermath of war.
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, SE10 (01-858 7755). Train: Greenwich (BR — 15 mins from Charing Cross). Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Sat 2.30pm. £4.50-£10. Mats £3-£4.50.

☆ **GREEK:** Steven Berkoff's savage version of *Oedipus*, set in East London.
Wyndham's Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-867 1116). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, mats Sat 5-7.15pm, £5.50-£13.50.

☆ **HAPGOOD:** Puzzling new Tom Stoppard play. Spies, physics and misunderstandings; with Nigel Hawthorne, Roger Rees, Felicity Kendal and Iain Glen. Until Sept 10.
Aldwych Theatre, Aldwych WC2 (01-836 6404). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 8-11pm, mats Wed 2.30-5.30 and Sat 4-7pm, £5-14.50.

☆ **LEAR'S DAUGHTERS:** Revival of last year's fascinating production by the Women's Theatre Group, exploring hate and jealousy as three girls grow up.
Young Vic Studio, 66 The Cut SE1 (01-928 6363). Tube: Waterloo. Mon-Sat 8-9.15pm, £5.

★ **LETTICE AND LOVAGE:** Maggie Smith and Margaret Tyzack waging eccentric war against the modern world in Peter Shaffer's new comedy.
Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3667). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 7.45-10.15pm, mat Sat 3-5.30pm, £7.50-£15. (D)

☆ **MARCEL MARCEAU:** Back with his troupe for a three-week season. Last week.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (01-278 8916). Tube: Angel. Mon-Sat 7.30-9.30pm, £3.50-£13.50.

☆ *POPPY:* Revised version of the Peter Nichols/Monty Norman satirical musical savaging Britain's role in the Chinese Opium Wars.
Half Moon Theatre, 213 Mile End Road, E1 (01-790 4000). Tube: Stepney Green. Mon-Sat 8pm, £3.50-£6.50.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 18

PIDAN
(a) Chinese duck eggs aged in brine, from the Pekinese *p'itan* covered eggs; duck eggs are preserved in a brine to which lime, ashes, and an infusion of tea are added; after several months they are coated with rice hulls; they are, improbably, delicious.
CRIBRIFORM
(b) Sieve-like, full of small holes, from the Latin *cribrum* a sieve + -form: "With a glare through a cribriform veil she had just pulled over her face."
MAELID
(b) An apple nymph, cf. oread, naiad, dryad, and malic, from the Greek *melon* an apple or any soft-skinned fruit: "Girls walking with the poise of maelids."
PHENOM
(c) A phenomenally skilled person, a performing wonder, especially, in the racy jargon of sports pages, in sports and games, cf. the more recent celeb: "Sawyer's two other 24-year-old phenoms."

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **And Then There Were None:** Strand Theatre (01-836 2660)... ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queen's Theatre (01-734 1166)... ☆ **Cats:** *New London Theatre* (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079)... ☆ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399)... ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9)... ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111)... ☆ **Me and My Girl:** *Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4)*... ☆ **Les Miserables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909)... ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443)... ★ **The Phantom of The Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244)... ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion *Theatre (01-930 3216)*... ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

GLASGOW: ☆ **The Lady From The Sea:** Start of the new season with audiences as well as actors on stage while rebuilding proceeds front of house.
Citizens Theatre, Gorbals (041 429 5561). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £3-£8.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
☎ **Advance booking possible**

■ **BEETLEJUICE (15):** Michael Keaton steals the scenes as a ghost in a supernatural comedy (92 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 6.20, 8.40.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 1.55, 4.15, 6.40, 9.05.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.15, 3.35, 6.00, 8.25.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.30, 3.55, 6.15, 8.40.
Warner West End (01-439 7691). Progs 2.20, 4.25, 6.30, 8.40.

BIG BUSINESS (PG): Bette Midler stars in Jim Abrahams's film about two sets of identical twins, accidentally swapped at birth (98 min).
Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111). Progs 10.40, 1.00, 3.30, 6.10, 8.40, 11.55.

■ **COMING TO AMERICA (15):** Eddie Murphy as a foreign prince who comes to America to select his own bride (116 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.10.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.20, 9.15.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.10, 5.15, 8.20.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 8861). Progs 12.45, 3.05, 5.35, 8.15.
Plaza 1 (01-200 0200). Progs 1.30, 4.00, 6.30, 9.00.
Plaza 2 (01-200 0200). Progs 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.30.

■ **CROCODILE DUNDEE II (PG):** Paul Hogan repeating his role as the king of the Outback (112 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.30, 9.15.
☎ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-200 0200). Progs 12.15, 2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30, 11.55.

■ **THE JUNGLE BOOK (U):** *Revival of* the joyous Disney cartoon based on Kipling's stories (78 min).
Odeon Kensington (01-622 6644). Progs 2.30, 4.35, 6.40.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Prog 12.00.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.10, 3.00, 4.55, 6.45, 8.40.

THE MANCHURIAN CANDIDATE (15): Laurence Harvey as the brainwashed war hero manipulated by Mommy (Angela Lansbury). John Frankenheimer directs (103 min).
Screen on the Hill (01-435 3366). Progs 3.15, 6.15, 8.30.

■ **RAMBO III (18):** More violence and muscles from Sylvester Stallone (100 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.00, 4.20, 7.00, 9.35.
Notting Hill Coronet (01-727 6705). Progs 3.30, 6.20, 8.40.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.40.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Progs 1.30, 4.00, 6.20, 9.00.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.50.
Odeon West End (01-930 5252). Progs 1.15, 3.40, 6.10, 8.45.

■ **SHAG (15):** Frivolous film, named *after an American dance craze; with* Bridget Fonda, Phoebe Cates, Page Hannah (100 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.35, 4.50, 7.20, 9.40.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.45, 4.00, 6.20, 8.40.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.10, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 6.20, 8.40.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 1.00, 3.10, 6.00, 8.40.

WINGS OF DESIRE (15): Wim Wenders's epic tale of two angels watching over the citizens of Berlin (127 min).
Metro (01-437 0757). Progs 3.00, 5.45, 8.30.

A WORLD APART (PG): A child's viewpoint on apartheid. Directed by Chris Menges, starring Johdi May as a child on the run (112 min).
Curzon West End (01-439 4805). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.10, 8.50.

TOP FILMS AND VIDEOS

LONDON:

1	(–)	Rambo III
2	(1)	Coming To America
3	(2)	Beetlejuice
4	(–)	Big Business
5	(–)	A World Apart
6	(3)	Crocodile Dundee II
7	(6)	Shag
8	(5)	Jungle Book
9	(–)	The Manchurian Candidate
10	(8)	Wings of Desire

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OUTSIDE LONDON:

1 Beetlejuice
2 Coming To America
3 The Jungle Book
4 Crocodile Dundee II
5 Vice Versa

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UNITED STATES:

1	(1)	A Nightmare on Elm Street IV
2	(–)	Betrayed
3	(4)	A Fish Called Wanda
4	(3)	Die Hard
5	(2)	Young Guns
6	(6)	Who Framed Roger Rabbit?
7	(5)	Cocktail
8	(7)	Married To the Mob
9	(–)	Stealing Home
10	(–)	Hot to Trot

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VIDEO RENTALS:

1 Masters of the Universe
2 Big Foot and the Hendersons
3 Cop
4 Tough Guys Don't Dance
5 Inner Space

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Art of the press gang



The picture of Peter Ustinov (left) by *The Times* photographer Graham Wood is one from an exhibition of work by Fleet Street photographers which highlights the astonishing range demanded of press photographers. They are expected to turn in first class pictures on any subject — from portraiture and reportage to fashion and feature work. Picture editors demand the best to slide on to pages which, by their very nature, are ephemeral. The daily round is endless. The hard news photograph is seen and fixed in a second; the feature picture may take weeks of researching, fixing and execution. But all too often the end result is unsatisfactory — the photographs poorly reproduced, badly cropped or the victims of lack of space. And nothing is more redundant than yesterday's newspapers. This slide into history of so much good work is a bane to all those seriously interested in good photography. Four years ago a group of Fleet Street photographers formed what has now become the British Press Photographers' Association to counter this inevitable slide. The association has 57 members and the exhibition which opens today at the Barbican is its fourth annual show. The results are impressive and prove that good press photography is not only about the tragedies of life, although they feature large here, but is also about fine portraiture and social documentation. Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 4141), Monday-Saturday 9am-7.30pm, free.

Michael Young

OPERA

☆ **COSI FAN TUTTE:** Preview tonight of revival of David Freeman's alternative, seaside production for Opera Factory/London Sinfonietta, with a lively young cast conducted by Paul Daniel.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191) 7-10.15pm, £5 and £10.

☆ **ACIS AND GALATEA:** Midsummer Opera, ever enterprisingly original, stage a production of Handel's pastoral opera in a Ealing garden. David Roblou conducts.
Lancaster House, 90 Grange Rd, Ealing, London W5 (01-579 7477) 7.30-10.15pm, £8.50 (£4.50 concessions).

☆ **DON GIOVANNI:** British Youth Opera keep more young singers in employment in Peter Knapp's new production, conducted by Simon Joly.
Bloomsbury Theatre, Gordon St, London WC1 (01-387 9629), 7.30-10.30pm, £6 and £7.

CONCERTS

☆ **WARD/COLS:** The City of London Sinfonia is conducted by Nicholas Ward in Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No 3 and he also plays the violin solos in Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*. In Haydn's Trumpet Concerto the soloist is Crispian Steele-Perkins.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928-3191, cc 01-928-8800), 7.30-9.30pm, £4.50-£13.50.

☆ **FROM AMSTERDAM:** Riccardo Chailly conducts the Concertgebouw Orchestra of Amsterdam in Mozart's Piano Concerto K 459 (Radu Lupu, soloist) and Bruckner's lengthy Symphony No. 3.
Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-589-8212, cc 01-379-4444), 7.30pm, £3-£13.

★ **JESSYE NORMAN:** The new Wigmore Hall season opens with Jessye Norman singing Beethoven's *Gellert Lieder*, six *Lieder* each by Schumann and Brahms, four *melodies* by Debussy and his *Air de Lia* from *L'Enfant Prodigue*. Philip Moll accompanies.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935-2141), 7.30pm, returns only.

☆ **FROM FLORENCE:** Preceded by Rossini's *Semiramide* and *William Tell Overtures, Liszt's great Dante* Symphony is heard from the Orchestra of the Maggio Musicale of Florence and the Scottish national Orchestra Junior Chorus. James Conlon conducts.
Usher Hall, Lothian Road, Edinburgh (031 228 1155 cc, 031 228 5756), 8pm, £4.50-£15.

GALLERIES

TONY EARNSHAW: Surrealist oils and watercolours.
Dean Clough Contemporary Art Gallery, Halifax (0422 68723), Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until Oct 15.

JULIET GOODDEN: New figurative paintings.
Francis Graham-Dixon Gallery, 17 Great Sutton St, London EC1 (01-250 1962), Tues-Sat 11am-6pm, Sat-Sun 2-6pm, free, until Oct 2.

JEREMY MOON (1934-1973): Colourful grid paintings from 1969 and selected drawings.
Mayor Rowan Gallery, 31A Bruton Place, London W1 (01-499 3011), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until Oct 12.

JOAN EARDLEY (1921-1963): A full retrospective for an underrated Scottish expressionist landscape and still life painter.
The Talbot Rice Gallery, University of Edinburgh Old College, South Bridge, Edinburgh (031 667 1011), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, free, until Sept 10.

MOZART'S TRAVELS: Twelve painters, *including Jake Sutton and Gerald* Mynott, depict Central European resorts visited by the composer.
Francis Kyle Gallery, 9 Maddox St, London W1 (01-499 6870), Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 11am-5pm, free, until Sept 23.

ANDY GOLDSWORTHY: Photographic *records of recent, fragile landscape*-based sculptures.
Bluecoat Gallery, School Lane, Liverpool (051 709 5689), Tues-Sat 10.30am-5pm, free, until Sept 24.

DANCE

☆ **KATHAK DANCE:** Nahid Siddiqui offers a traditional interlude in an otherwise more eccentric programme by women.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191), 8-10pm, £5.

☆ **PARADE:** Jean Cocteau's concept as realized in 1917 by Satie, Picasso and Massine. Performed by Aterballetto from Italy, with William Forsythe's sardonic *Love Songs* and new works by Amedeo Amodio.
King's Theatre, Leven St, Edinburgh (031 225 5796), 7.30-10pm, £3-£8.

JAZZ

☆ *OUTSIDE IN:* First day of the replacement for the Bracknell Festival. Today's main attractions include Power Tools, the American jazz-rock trio of Bill Frisell, Melvyn Gibbs and Ronald Shannon Jackson.
The Hawth Centre, Hawth Ave, Crawley (0293 553636) £5.

☆ **PRESERVATION HALL JAZZ BAND:** First of two nights from the New Orleans veterans, still led by the Humphreys Brothers.
Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891) 7.45pm, £6.50-£12.50.

★ **PLANT, MONTGOMERY, STRITCH:** Continuing the residency from the American vocal trio.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747) Mon to Sat £10 (members £6).

ROCK

★ **BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN/PETER GABRIEL/STING/TRACY CHAPMAN/YOUSSOU N'DOUR:** See caption.
Wembley Stadium, Middlesex (01-902 1234) *gates 2pm, £22.50.*

HOTHOUSE FLOWERS/DEREK B: Strong double-bill celebrating the first anniversary of LWT's incomparably groovy late-night show, *Night Network*. Previously only available in the capital, the programme goes nationwide for the first time later tonight. This show will be taped for the opening broadcast (2am/ITV).
Astoria, 157 Charing Cross Rd, London WC2 (01-240 7200) 7pm, £5.

☆ **THE SCREAMING BLUE MESSIAHS:** Bill Carter's psycho-blues trio of would-be Flintstones.
Mean Fiddler, 28a Harlesden High St, London NW10 (01-961 5490) 8pm, £6.



Peter Gabriel (above) was one of the first rock musicians to throw his weight behind the issue of world human rights and to work on behalf of Amnesty International. Under the banner *Human Rights Now!* he appears at Wembley Stadium today in the company of Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band, Sting, Tracy Chapman and Youssou N'Dour (see listing). This extraordinarily distinguished line-up then sets out on the most adventurous international package tour yet seen in the history of rock, performing under the Amnesty flag in East and West Europe, Africa, Asia and the Americas.

☆ **THE JAMES TAYLOR QUARTET:** *Intriguing, updated pastiche of Sixties'* instrumental soundtrack music with prominently featured Hammond organ. Their latest single is the theme from *Starsky And Hutch*.
Dingwalls, Camden Lock, Chalk Farm Rd, London NW1 (01-267 4967) 8pm-2am, £5.

WALKS

POLITICAL LONDON: meet Westminster tube, 11am, £3 (also next Fri).

CHURCHILL'S WAR ROOMS: meet Westminster tube, 2.30pm, £3 (also next Fri).

PICTURESQUE HAMPSTEAD — A PUB WALK: meet Hampstead tube, 7.30pm, £3 (also next Fri).

OTHER EVENTS

SALISBURY FESTIVAL: *The annual* festival, which opens tomorrow, takes Fire as its theme — with many concerts based on the element (*Firebird* suite, ritual fire dances, *Music for Royal Fireworks* and others). Also a full programme of theatre, dance, lectures, *lunches, films, children's entertainment* and exhibitions throughout the town. The festival begins tomorrow at 11am with bell ringing, fire eating and Morris dancing in the City Centre. In the evening, the first festival concert is in the Cathedral at 7.30pm with the Philharmonia Orchestra conducted by Andrew Davis playing music by Stravinsky, Tchaikovsky, and Strauss.
Salisbury, Wiltshire. Tomorrow to Sept 17. (Further information and booking Festival Box Office, Salisbury Playhouse, Malt House Lane, 0722 25173).

16TH FYLDE FOLK FESTIVAL: 65 different folk groups, solo acts, and workshops at 14 different venues in and around Fleetwood. Craft fairs throughout and *Trawler Town memories* — the story of Fleetwood fishing folk.
Fleetwood, Lancashire. Today, 12 noon onwards until Sept 4. Tickets *Adult £3 per session, child 12-14 £1.50, under-*12, free. (Further information and booking 03917 2317).

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

GARDEN CONCERTS: Programmes include world premiere of Nicholas Maw's *The World in Evening*; Mahler's Rückert-Leider; and Dvorak's 8th Symphony, with Bernard Haitink and Margaret Price. Oct 21-22.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066/1911).

SOLIHULL LIBRARY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS: Autumn season includes *Piano Trio Berlin, Marini Trombon* Quartet, Leslie Howard, and Nikolai Petrov. Thursdays at 1pm.
Box Office, Central Library, Homer Road, Solihull B91 3QN.

NATIONAL YOUTH THEATRE: Performances of *Murder in the Cathedral* following run at Edinburgh Festival. Sept 26-Oct 1.
Tyne Theatre and Opera House, Westgate Road, Newcastle (091 232 0899/3421).

LAST CHANCE

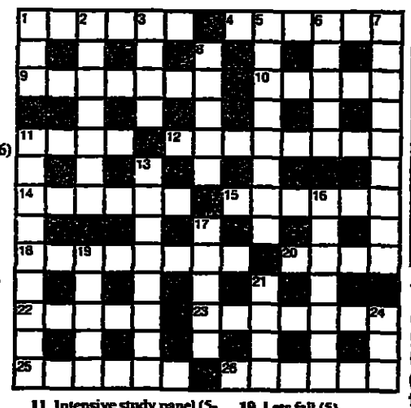
TEXTILES OF THE ARTS AND CRAFTS MOVEMENT: Celebration of centenary of first exhibition of Arts and Crafts Exhibition Society, with examples of printed and woven fabrics, carpets, tapestries, embroideries and original *designs. Ends Sun.*
V & A South Kensington, London SW7 (01-938 8349, recorded info: 01-938 8441).

PAISLEY: Exhibition to mark 500th anniversary of the signing of the Paisley Borough Charter, illustrating history of Paisley from its origins. Ends tomorrow.
Liberty, Regent Street, London W1 (01-734 1234).

PICABIA 1879-1953: Dadaist work, showing neo-cubist, machine and monster pictures, nudes and enigmatic abstracts. Ends Sun.
Royal Scottish Academy, Princes Street, Edinburgh (031 225 6671).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

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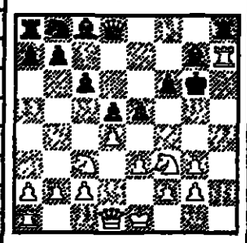
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



The following position is taken from the game between Palau (White) and te Kolste (Black), played in a tournament in London in 1927. White plays and wins. The winning move will be given in *tomorrow's Times.*

Solution to yesterday's position. Black wins with 1 Nd3.



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LYRIC 01 437 3686 cc 01 434 1650 cc 01 434 1060/734 5166/741 9999 24 hr cc 379 4444/836 3464 (bkg fee) Grps 930 6123 BRIAN RIX ELSPET GRAY DEREK GRIFFITHS & RICHARD VERNON in DRY ROT by JOHN CHAPMAN Opens Sept 28 Prevs from Sept 20

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LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 01 741 2311 Eves 7.45pm Mats Wed 2.30pm Sat 4pm Prevs. from 8 Sept Opens 22 Sept 7.0 Bkg presents DREAMS IN AN EMPTY CITY by Stephen Sewell.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Jane Rackham and Ruth Sharman

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.35 Edgar Kennedy in *Poisoned Ivory* (b/w). **6.55** Weather
7.00 Breakfast Time with John Stapleton and Pamela Armstrong. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**; regional news and travel reports at **7.27, 7.57** and **8.27.**
8.35 Flash Gordon's Trip to Mars (b/w). The last episode of the classic science fiction adventure (r). **8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather **9.05 But First This!** begins with **The Pink Panther Show.** (r). **9.25 Why Don't You. . ?** Entertaining ideas for young people at a loose end (r). **9.50 Laurel and Hardy** (r).
10.00 News and weather followed by **Gentle Ben** (r). **10.30 Play School** (r). **10.55 Five to Eleven.**
11.00 News and weather followed by **The Fighting Devil Dogs** (b/w). Adventure serial. **11.30 Superman.** Last in the series.
12.00 News and weather, followed by **The Garden Party.** Richard Jobson reflects on the summer festival; Archie Macpherson limbers up for the Olympics; and Ernie Wise remembers the first Morecambe and Wise show. **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather.
1.30 Neighbours. Paul's plans go wrong; Charlene leaves; and Sue starts at the bank.
1.50 Dallas. In this feature-length episode of the glossy serial about the oil-rich Texans, the family gather for Bobby's funeral (Ceefax) (r).
3.20 They Were Only Sixteen. Film following the attempts of two 16-year-olds to become the Torvill and Dean of roller skating (Ceefax) (r).
4.10 Children's BBC starting with **Popeye. 4.35 Steel Riders.** (Ceefax).
4.55 Newsround.
5.05 Think It . . . Do It. Johnny Ball investigates design (r).
5.35 Neighbours (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News. Weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Wogan. Terry's guests include veteran actor Mickey Rooney, comedienne Maureen Lipman and Julia Baird, author of *John Lennon, My Brother.* Plus music from The Primitives.
7.45 Preview: Autumn on BBC1.
7.50 Best of British. A compilation of film clips with a sporting theme is the basis for this celebration of 50 years of entertainment from Rank Studios.
8.15 Twenty-Two Years of the Two Ronnies. First in a series of compilation shows includes a sketch with Diana Dors and episode one of the 1980 serial *The Worm That Turned* (Ceefax).
9.00 Nine O'Clock News. Regional news and weekend weather.
9.30 Playing for Real. Real Falkirk are on the final leg to winning the All British Challenge Cup. Will their captain, Chrissie, be able to hold the team together and will they be able to defeat their deadly enemies, Ajax Ramsgate? (Ceefax).
10.20 Omnibus at the Proms. John Tusa introduces the last in the series of live concerts from the Royal Albert Hall in London. Kurt Masur conducts the Leipzig Gewandhaus in Mendelssohn's Symphony No 3 (The Scottish) and Richard Strauss's *Till Eulenspiegel.*
11.25 Film: The Heist (1971). Warren Beatty and Goldie Hawn star in Richard Brooks's fast-moving thriller about a security expert's plans to commit the perfect robbery. Intending to steal the safe deposit boxes belonging to a group of crooks, he reasons they won't report the theft to the police. But he had not anticipated that they would take the law into their own hands.
1.25 Weather, close.

BBC2

6.55 Open University.
9.00 Ceefax.
12.30 Open University Showcase.
1.20 Mop and Smiff. (r). **1.35 Weekend Outlook. 1.40 Ceefax.**
2.00 News and weather, followed by **Sweat of the Sun, Tears of the Moon.** Jack Pizzey continues his examination of South American society (r).
3.00 News and weather, followed by **One Man and His Dog** (r).
3.45 Northern Lights. (r).
3.50 News and weather, followed by regional news and weather.
4.00 Dr Kildare. (r).
4.25 Boating Butler. Tony Butler ends his journey by narrow-boat along the Midlands' canals.
4.55 Class of 81. Hiawatha (r).
5.00 Star Brass. Non-stop music with Moira Anderson and Kevin Morgan.
5.30 Eating Out with Tovey. Marjorie Lofthouse gets taken on a guided tour of the unique Belle Isle House on an island in Lake Windermere; while John Tovey prepares a dinner with unconventional table settings to match the surroundings.
6.00 Film: The Falcon in Mexico (1944, b/w). The suave sleuth investigates the fate of a missing painter. With Tom Conway. William Berke directs.
7.10 Campus Champs (b/w).
7.30 Live from the Proms. Live broadcast from the Royal Albert Hall. Riccardo Chailly conducts the Concertgebouw Orchestra of Amsterdam in Mozart's Overture (Idomeneo) followed by Piano Concerto No 19 in F major, with solo pianist Radu Lupu. In the second half they perform Bruckner's Symphony No 3 in D minor. Simultaneous broadcast with Radio 3.
9.45 Alas Smith and Jones. More sketches and deep meaningful conversations from Mel Smith and Griff Rhys Jones (Ceefax).
10.15 Forth Fiesta. Last of Muriel Gray's reports on the Edinburgh Festival includes John Adams's opera, *Nixon in China.*
10.45 Newsnight.
11.30 Weatherview.
11.35 Film: Les Visiteurs du Soir (1942, b/w). English subtitles. (see Choice). Ends **1.40am.**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with **The Morning Programme** introduced by Richard Keys; **7.00 Good Morning Britain** presented by Mike Morris and Richard Keys; **8.50 Wacaday,** for the young, with Timmy Mallett.
9.25 Thames News and weather.
9.30 What's My Line? Odd occupations game chaired by Angela Rippon.
10.00 Plastic Man. 10.25 News Headlines. 10.30 Disney's Duck Tales. 11.00 Tweety Pie (r). **11.10 Rainbow** (r).
11.25 Thames News and weather.
11.30 Dancing. Professor John Blacking examines different styles of traditional Irish dancing.
12.00 Gas Street. Last in the series of music and chat shows presented by Suzi Quatro. Her guests include Lenny Henry, Toyah Willcox, and the Blues Band with Paul Jones.
12.30 Santa Barbara. The Californian saga continues.
1.00 News with John Suchet. **1.20 Thames News** and weather.
1.30 Living Memories. The first of three programmes illustrating some successful ways to preserve oral history features the Highgate Newtown Reminiscence Group. Set up by a pensioner, the group's members meet every week to share memories of their youth.
2.00 The Bill: Omnibus edition (r).
2.55 Home Cookery Club. Torbay Cobbler (r).
3.00 Take the High Road. Evil seems to be seeping into the village of Letir-Falloch.
3.25 Thames News and weather.
3.30 Sons and Daughters. Daily dramas of two families living in Australian suburbia, the Hamiltons and the Palmers.
4.00 The Raggy Dolls. 4.10 Tweety Pie (r). **4.20 Scooby Doo** (r).
4.45 Splashout features one of Britain's top charity fund-raisers, a disabled 13-year-old girl, who will attempt a sponsored abseil in her wheelchair.
5.15 Blockbusters. New series of the fast-moving board game hosted by Bob Holness.
5.45 News with Fiona Armstrong.
6.00 LWT News. 6.15 Police 5.
6.30 Family Affairs. A Pakistani couple have lived in London for 20 years but the wife wants to take their children back to Pakistan because she fears they will drift away from traditional Muslim beliefs. Her husband believes they will face language problems and a lack of career opportunities if they return to their homeland. The studio audience give their opinions, and "agony uncle" Phillip Hodson offers expert advice.
7.00 Jimmy's. Real life drama in the operating theatre of St James's University Hospital, Leeds.
7.40 Romance: Out of the Shadows. (see Choice).
9.30 Tales of the Unexpected. Emma has two men vying for her affections. She chooses the arrogant Max. But the kind and loyal Andy tries to win her back with some unforeseen consequences. Starring Julie Dawn Cole, John Duttine and Peter Machin (Oracle) (r).
10.00 News at Ten with Carol Barnes and John Suchet. **10.30 LWT News** and weather.
10.35 Film: The Joker is Wild (1957, b/w). Set in Chicago during the days of Prohibition. Frank Sinatra stars in this biopic about a nightclub singer who loses his voice after being beaten up by the mob. His dreams destroyed, he tackles a new career as a wisecracking comedian. Directed by Charles Vidor.
1.00 Night Network. Includes live music from Hothouse Flowers, Sarah-Jane Morris and Derek B; plus reviews of the week's video releases and the week's music papers.
4.00 Baseball '88. Houston v Pittsburgh.
8.00 ITN Morning News with Zeinab Badawi.

CHANNEL 4

12.00 Woman in View (r).
12.30 Business Daily.
1.00 Sesame Street.
2.00 Guitarral (r).
2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Kempton. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the **2.35, 3.10, 3.40** and **4.10** races.
4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley with the final of the words and numbers game.
5.15 World of Animation.
5.30 Space Craft. Last in the series that gives advice on making the most of a small living space (Oracle) (r).
6.00 The Chart Show features the video work of Style Council.
7.00 Channel 4 News followed by weather.
7.55 Book Choice. David Caute reviews *Citizen Cohn,* a biography of Senator McCarthy's notorious assistant by Nicholas Von Hoffman (Oracle).
8.00 What the Papers Say. In possibly the last edition of the programme, the former editor of *Private Eye,* Richard Ingrams, presents a critical review of the week's newspapers.
8.15 Right Talk. Discussion about Gorbachov's Russia and the ideological and policy approach of the right wing in Britain, Europe and the US.
9.00 The Golden Girls. Award-winning comedy series about four women sharing a Miami Beach house (Oracle).
9.30 All Muck and Magic? Organic food series (Oracle) (r).
10.00 Rude Health. Comedy series about a small-town doctors' surgery starring John Wells (r).
10.30 The Incredibly Strange Film Show. Jonathan Ross tracks down 27-year-old Sam Raimi, maker of cult films such as *Evil Dead* and *Crime Wave.*
11.15 Wired. Includes exclusive footage of Sting's recent concert in Verona, plus music from Sinead O'Connor, the Proclaimers and Love and Money.
12.15 Film: Altered States (1980). Ken Russell's extraordinary sci-fi thriller stars William Hurt as a scientist obsessed with sensory deprivation experiments and mind-bending drugs that cause him to regress. Ends **2.10am.**

Looking after beauty



Charles Dance plays a Scotland Yard detective alongside American actress Alexandra Paul in a thriller set in the Greek islands and laced with a hefty dose of romance (ITV, 7.40pm)

● The name of Michael J. Bird on the writing credits has come to mean a leisurely type of thriller in which the thrills tend to be less memorable than the exotic landscapes against which the story is set. Bird's latest piece, **Out of the Shadows** (ITV, 7.40pm), fulfils expectations by being filmed in Greece. This time the thriller element is laced heavily with romance and given that the leads are played by the ever-handsome Charles Dance and a fetching young American actress, Alexandra Paul, that relationship, at least, follows a predictable course. The story contrives to bring them both to Athens, he as a police inspector investigating a series of art thefts, she to work at the United States Embassy. When her boyfriend is found murdered in her flat, and turns out not to be the journalist she took him for but a petty thief, the plot is launched. To help it along Inspector Dance gets the young lady released from the custody of the Greek police and uses her as bait to catch the gang's Mr Big. A heavy hint as to the identity of Mr Big is dropped very early on and I am pleased to say that I spotted it. But Mr Big is not destined to reveal himself until near the end and meanwhile romance must blossom. Holed up together in a hotel, our hero and heroine have a conversation about why he is working for the art squad. "I like beautiful things and want to see they don't get in the wrong hands", he replies, making it clear that he is not only talking about art. Mr Dance plays hard to get by falling asleep while his companion is in mid-sentence. She retaliates by falling asleep in the same bed. But it is all very tasteful and when the thriller element resurfaces, be ready for a jolly good punch-up to round things off.

TELEVISION CHOICE

● When the Germans occupied France in 1940, the celebrated film-making team of writer Jacques Prévert and director Marcel Carné was determined to carry on regardless. Overt anti-Nazi messages were obviously out of the question, so they became covert. At least that is the construction usually placed on the team's medieval fantasy, **Les Visiteurs du soir** (BBC2, 11.35pm), in which the Devil (played by the splendid Jules Berry) tries to destroy earthly love by sending two messengers to a wedding feast. Contemporary audiences, it is said, were not slow to see the Devil as Hitler, trying to snuff out the French nation. Allegory or not, it is a work of great power and beauty.

Peter Waymark

A carnal carousel

RADIO CHOICE



Alan Bennett in a Diderot adaptation (WS, Sunday)

● In the mistaken belief that the only radio drama I can recommend to you is on either Radio 4 or Radio 3, I have shamefully ignored the output of the BBC World Service, some of whose productions have subsequently turned up on the BBC's domestic services to prove that, quality-wise, they yield nothing to anything heard on Radios 3 and 4. Let me get rid of this burden of guilt — and at the same time do you a favour — by urging you to listen to the latest Bush House offering, **Jacques and his Master,** which you can hear on the World Service this Sunday at 2.01am, 1.01pm, or 8.00pm (for the spot on the dial, see Frequencies, elsewhere on this page). This is Simon Callow's translation of Milan Kundera's "variation" on Diderot's novel *Jacques le Fataliste.* I cannot say how closely Kundera has followed Diderot's text, or how freely Callow has translated from the French. All I can say is that what has come out of it all is an irresistible mélange of sexual escapades which, in the way they revolve in a circular motion and are choreographed by a master of fates, are reminiscent of *La Ronde.* This carnal carousel has been directed, with many a bold touch, by Gordon House, and has two marvellous performances from Alan Bennett (as the master) and Richard Derrington (as Jacques, his servant).
● Tonight's drama offering, Perry Pontac's **Odd Moments** (Radio 3, 9.45pm), is also about the pleasures of the flesh. It is a decidedly black comedy about a gallivanting husband (Robert Lang), a wife with murderous intentions towards him (Judy Parfitt) and their new housekeeper (Brenda Blethyn) who, after demonstrating her versatility as plumber, seamstress, pianist and whipper-up of delectable hot-cross buns, spectacularly caps the lot by putting her employers out of their misery. If you have not realised by now that Miss Blethyn is one of our national treasures, here's the play that will clinch it.

Peter Davalle



Richard Ingrams looks at the papers (C4, 8.00pm)

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today **6.35-7.00** News; Neighbours **1.25pm-1.30** News of Wales Headlines. Close. SCOTLAND: **6.35pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland NORTHERN IRELAND: **5.35pm** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35** Neighbours **6.58-7.00** Inside Ulster Update ENGLAND: **6.35pm-7.00** Regional news magazines.

ANGLIA As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-3.00** Film: We Live Again' **6.00-7.00** About Anglia **10.35** Anglia Live at 10.35 **11.35** Film: Memory of Eva Ryker **2.00-4.00** Night Network.

BORDER As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Film: Masquerade **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Lookaround **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **10.35** Lowther **11.05** Film: Contract on Cherry Street **2.00** Night Network **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

CENTRAL As London except: **12.35pm-1.00** Young Doctors **1.20** News **1.30-3.00** Film: Arrows of Robin Hood **6.00-7.00** News **10.35** Film: Hawk the Slayer **12.20am** Film: Sword and the Sorcerer **2.05** Kojak **3.05** Live 'n' Loud **4.05-5.00** Dimension 2000.

CHANNEL As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** All Our Yesterdays **1.20** News **1.30** Teach Your Child to Cook **2.00** Falcon Crest **3.00** Cross Wits **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Channel Report **6.30-7.00** Take Time Out **10.35** Film: Missing **12.50am** Music Box **1.00** UFO **2.00** Night Network **4.05** Facing South **4.35-5.00** Jack Thompson Down Under.

GRAMPIAN As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-3.30** Film: Seven Nights in the City **5.15-5.45** Give us a Clue **6.00** North Tonight **6.30-7.00** Everyone a Winner **10.35** Festival '88 **11.05** Film: Contract on Cherry Street **2.00am** Night Network **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

GRANADA As London except: **10.30am-1.20pm** Roses Cricket **1.20** Granada Reports **1.30** Week in View **1.45-3.00** Cricket **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Granada Reports **6.30-7.00** Cricket **10.35** Who's the Boss? **11.05** Film: Contract on Cherry Tree **2.00am** Night Network **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

HTV WEST As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-3.00** Film: Jumping for Joy' **6.00** News **6.45-7.00** Your Say **10.35** Longest **11.05** Film: Contract on Cherry Street **2.00am** Night Network **4.00** California Highway **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00pm-7.00** Wales at Six **10.35-11.05** Swansea Festival.

TSW As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-3.30** Film: The Calendar' **3.27-4.00** Young Doctors **5.15-5.45** Connections **6.00** Today **6.30-7.00** That's My Dog **10.35** Married With Children **11.05** Film: Contract on Cherry Street **2.00am** Night Network **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

TVS As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** All Our Yesterdays **1.20** News **1.30** Teach Your Child to Cook **2.00** Falcon Crest **3.00** Cross Wits **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.30-7.00** Take Time Out **10.35** Film: Missing **1.00am** UFO **2.00** Night Network **4.05** Facing South **4.35-5.00** Jack Thompson Down Under.

TYNE TEES As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-3.00** Film: Island of the Lost **6.00-7.00** Northern Life **10.35** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.05** Film: Contract on Cherry Street **2.00** Night Network **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

ULSTER As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Charlie's Angels **2.30-3.00** Nothing but the Best **6.00** Summer Edition **6.15** Summer Sport **6.30-7.00** Survival **10.35** Witness **10.40** Mary **11.05** Magnum **12.00** News.

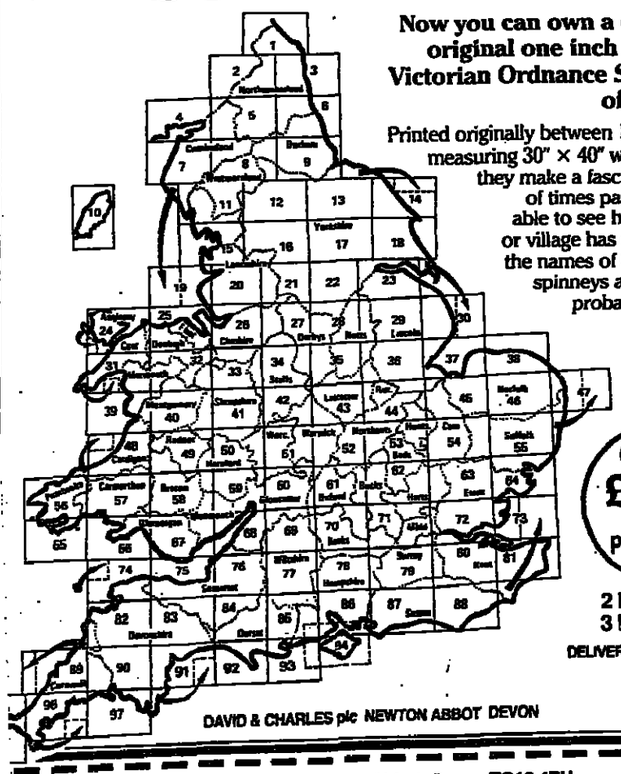
YORKSHIRE As London except: **10.30am-11.10** Cricket **12.30pm-1.00** Young Doctors **1.20** News **1.30-3.00** Cricket **6.00** Calendar **6.30-7.00** Cricket **10.35** Film: It Lives Again **12.00** Ticket to Hollywood **1.25am** Night Gallery **2.00** Night Network **4.00-5.00** Night Heat.

S4C Starts: **10.00am** Film: Uncle Vanya' **12.00** Countdown **12.30pm** Business Daily **1.00** Sesame Street **2.00** Just 4 Fun **2.30** Racing **4.25** 5. Lon Goch **4.35** Foltron **5.00** Mork and Mindy **5.30** Space Craft **6.00** Chart Show **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Gwlad Gwlad **8.00** Wars C'Haloj **8.45** Camiesi Cymru **9.00** Korea — Unknown War **10.00** Golden Girls **10.30** Incredibly Strange Film Show **11.15** Wired **12.15am** Film: Altered States **2.10** Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts: **4.05pm** News and Bosco **4.35** Wonderstruck **5.05** Cockleshell Bay **5.15** Help! **5.45** News **6.00** Angelus **6.01** Newstime **6.30** Cartoon **6.40** March of Time **7.10** Sea Hunt **7.30** Room Outside **8.00** Matlock **9.00** News **9.20** Film: Split Image **11.20** Finders Keepers **11.55** News, Closedown.

RTE 2 Starts: **5.15pm** Sons and Daughters **5.45** Get Smart **6.10** Film: Cat From Outer Space **8.00** Naucht **8.05** Keating on Impressionism **8.35** Rusalka **11.25** News.

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Radio 2

VHF stereo (except **10.00pm-12.00** midnight) and **MW** (medium wave) **4.00** Bill Rennells **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Jean Rook **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Gordon Burns **1.05** Cliff Morgan **2.05** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Teddy Johnson's 78s Show **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Joshua Rifkind **9.00** Robin Richmond **10.00** The Golden Years **10.30** The Press Gang **11.00** Alan Titchmarsh **1.00** Nightride with Patrick Lunt **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Meridian **7.00** World News **7.09** 24 Hours **7.30** Write On . . . **7.45** Seven Seas **8.00** World News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Without Strings **8.30** Music Now **9.00** World News **9.09** The British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News; Sports Roundup **9.45** The Third Policeman **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Guitar Workshop **10.15** Seven Seas **10.30** Londres Midi **11.00** World News **11.09** News about Britain **11.15** Talking from . . . **11.30** Meridian **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Europe's World **12.30** Business Matters **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** World News **1.09** 24 Hours **1.30** John Peel **2.00** World News; Outlook **2.45** Nature Notebook **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** Another Hero of These Times **4.00** World News **4.08** News about Britain **4.15** English by Radio **4.45** Londres Soir **5.30** Heute Aktuell **6.00** Programmes in German **7.00** Proms 88 (Live Relay) **7.15** News Summary; Outlook **7.58** Stock Market Report **8.00** World News **8.09** 24 Hours **8.30** Science in Action **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Network UK **9.15** Europe's World **9.30** Business Matters **9.45** Where Angels Fear to Tread **10.00** World News **10.09** The World Today **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** From the Weeklies **11.30** Multitrack 3 **12.00** World News **12.09** News about Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Personal View **12.45** Recording of the Week **1.00** News Summary **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Guitar Workshop **1.45** Nature Notebook **2.00** World News **2.09** The British Press **2.15** Network UK **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** World News **3.09** News about Britain **3.15** The World Today **3.30** Sci Four Eight News **3.35** Financial News **3.45** Morgenmagazin **4.45** The World Today **5.00** World News; 24 Hours **5.30** Londres Matin

Radio 3

6.25 Open University
6.55 Weather
7.00 *Morning Concert:* Quantz (Flute Concerto in G: Jean Pierre Rampal and Orchestre Antique Musica under Jacques Roussel), Bruch (Kol Nidrei: Lynn Harrell, cello, and Philharmonia under Vladimir Ashkenazy), Rossini (Overture: L'Italiana in Algeria: Berlin PO under Herbert von Karajan), Liszt (Piano Concerto No 1 in E flat: Alfred Brendel LPO under Bernard Haitink), Haydn (Symphony No 102 in B flat: Amsterdam Concertgebouw Orchestra under Colin Davis)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: The Scarlatti Family. Alessandro: A Friend of Nobles and Princes: cantatas and instrumental music by Alessandro, including arias with trumpet and a fanfare-based sonata by Domenico
9.35 Haydn: Miscellaneous piano pieces: Ian Lake plays Variations in C (H XVII 5), Capriccio in G (H XVII 1) and Andante with variations in F minor (H XVII 6) (Un piccolo divertimento) (r)
10.05 Langham Chamber Orchestra under Meredith Davies, with Philippa Davies (flute), plays Françaix's Sei preludi, Bloch's Suite modale and Malipiero's Symphony No 6 (r)
11.00 Edinburgh International Festival: Anna Steiger (soprano) and Roger Vignoles (piano) perform Verdi's Il tramonto; Perduta ho la pace; Stornello and Ad una stella (Six Romances), and Menotti's Canti della lontananza
11.30 Third Ear in Edinburgh: Edwin Morgan from Scotland and Italian Roberto Sanesi discuss the art of translating poetry. Morgan has published English versions of poems from half a dozen languages and Sanesi has rendered a tremendous range of English poetry into Italian
11.50 Edinburgh Festival: Part 2: Respighi's Cinque liriche and Rossini's La regata veneziana
1.00 News
1.05 Buchberger String Quartet plays Henze's Quartet No 2 and Schubert's Quartet in A minor
2.00 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Lionel Friend, with Kun Woo Paik at the piano, plays Franck's Symphonic Variations, for piano and orchestra, and Chausson's Symphony in B flat, Op 20
2.55 Violin and Piano: Kathleen Winkler and Michael Dussek play Wieniawski's Légende, Sarasate's Zigeunerweisen and Beethoven's Sonata in D, Op 12 No 1 (r)
3.40 Redcliffe Concert: The BBC Singers and the Redcliffe Ensemble under John Poole perform Frank Bridge's Autumn; A Litany (Drop, Drop, Slow Tears) and O Weary Hearts, Martinu's The Prophecy of Isaiah (with Pamela Priestley-Smith, soprano, Juliet Trestini, mezzo-soprano, and Jonathan Roberts, bariton), Anthony Milner's The Harrowing of Hell (with Andrew Murgatroyd, tenor, and Jeremy White, baritone), Martinu's Three Sacred Songs (with Nicholas Ward, violin) and Vaughan Williams's Mass in G minor
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure presented by Andrew Keener
6.30 Larkin's Jazz: In the second of two programmes Peter Dickinson traces in Philip Larkin's work this poet's passionate interest in jazz. Larkin's words are read by David Killick
7.00 News
7.05 Formal Inspiration: Vikram Seth, author of a travel book, a collection of lyric poems and a novel in Pushkinian sonnets (all of which have won awards), talks to Peter Porter about his delight in different literary genres
7.30 Proms 88: The Amsterdam Concertgebouw Orchestra under Riccardo Chailly, with Radu Lupu (piano), plays Mozart's Overture: Idomeneo, his Piano Concerto No 19 in F (K 459) and Bruckner's Symphony No 3 in D minor. With an interlude in which Michael Berkeley looks back over the orchestra's history
9.45 Odd Moments: Play by Perry Pontac. A young woman applies for a job as housekeeper but, despite being young, beautiful and highly experienced, she is hired because of another, more special, qualification. With Brenda Blethyn, Judy Parfitt and Robert Lang (see Choice)
10.25 Bach's English Suites: Melvyn Tan plays Suite No 6 in D minor (BMV 811) (r)
11.00 Composers of the Week: Dvorak (Rusalka: Act 1) (r)
12.00 News

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) stereo on **VHF**
5.55 Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s)
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** Today's News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day
8.42 Tennis and the Masai by Nicholas Best (5 of 10) **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's guest is Anita Dobson (s)
9.45 Feedback: Chris Dunkley airs viewers' comments about BBC programmes
10.00 News; International Assignment
10.30 Morning Story: The Blue Bead by Norah Burke
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Latin Americans: Eight Portraits presented by Hugh O'Shaughnessy. 6: Evaristo Nugkuag, leader of the Aguaruna community in Peru (s) (r)
11.32 Rebels: Hugh Sykes with six biographies of unconventional people. 4: Radical psychologist Wilhelm Reich, who believed that sexual repression lay at the root of all psychological and many social problems (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours: Consumer advice programme. John Howard checks out the Sports Council
12.25 Radio Fun: The story of radio comedy in 12 parts presented by Russell Davies (6) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour comes from Manchester and includes features about a monstrous, three- or four-ton pie to be baked on Saturday in Denby Dale, Yorkshire; the Tiller Girls, a twenties dance group whose members were drawn from the poorer working-class families; and the Lancashire Cricket Club, with membership strictly for men
3.00 News; The Princess Casamassima by Henry James, dramatised in five parts (final part) (s)
4.00 News
4.05 J. Kingston Platt: Second of four revealing reminiscences of a life in showbusiness, written and told by Peter Jones (s)
4.30 Kaleidoscope (r)
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Going Places: Clive Jacobs and the team with travel and transport news
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week: Margaret Howard presents a selection of the past week's television and radio programmes (s)
8.20 Towards 2000 with the Radio 4 Generation: The Future of the Seven Deadly Sins. John Humphrys chairs a series of discussions with young people from all over the United Kingdom. 5: Wrath
9.05 Stop Press: Geoffrey Goodman reviews the week's newspapers
9.30 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke
9.45 Kaleidoscope, presented by Humphrey Carpenter: The pros and cons of literary biography are discussed by Ian Hamilton, author of the controversial biography of J. D. Salinger which took him to the law courts, Carmen Callil, Managing Director of Chatto & Windus, Andrew Motion, Larkin's literary executor, Claire Tomalin and Michael Holroyd, biographers of Katherine Mansfield and George Bernard Shaw, respectively, and Stephen Spender, who proclaims his desire to avoid becoming the subject of a biography
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: The Warden by Anthony Trollope (5 of 10) **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Little Blighty on the Down: First of a three-part comedy soap set in a small village deep in the heart of Britain. Played by John Bluthal, Jo Kendall, Andrew Sachs, Bernardine Corrigan, Nick Hancock and Daniel Strauss (s)
12.00 News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
VHF as above except: **1.55-2.00pm** Listening Corner (s)
5.50-5.55 PM (continued)

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;VHF-88-90.2 **Radio 2:** 693kHz/433m;909kHz/330m;VHF-88-90.2. **Radio 3:** 1215kHz/247m; VHF-90-92.5. **Radio 4:** 198kHz/1515m;VHF-92-95. **LBC:** 1152kHz/261m;VHF 97.3. **Capital:** 1548kHz/194m;VHF95.8. **BBC Radio London:** 1458kHz/206m;VHF 94.9; **World Service:** MF648kHz/463m.

Elite clinic is Mandela's new prison

From Michael Hornsby, Cape Town

Nelson Mandela is being held under prison guard in a luxury private clinic here in what appears to be the first phase of a plan by the South African Government to free the African National Congress (ANC) leader by instalments.

The world's most famous political detainee was moved to the clinic, a white-walled, red-roofed, two-storey building with panoramic views of Devil's Peak and the back of Table Mountain, at about midnight on Wednesday from Cape Town's segregated Tygerberg Hospital.

Mandela, now aged 70, was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1964 for sabotage and for his part in setting up Umkonto we Sizwe (Spear of the Nation), the armed wing of the ANC. He was taken to hospital on August 12 suffering from tuberculosis.

Mr Kobie Coetsee, the Minister of Justice, visited Mandela yesterday in his private room in the Constantiaberg Medi-Clinic, which is considered to be the best private hospital in Cape Town. He had earlier visited him at Tygerberg.

"I am very satisfied with the arrangements and facilities, which would be difficult to better," Mr Coetsee said. "Mr Mandela's health already appears to have improved considerably, and he has obviously benefited greatly from his treatment at Tygerberg."

Mr Coetsee gave no hint of the Government's future plans for the patient, but it would seem that for as many weeks or months as Mandela may remain detained at President Botha's pleasure he will not want for any creature comforts. All rooms at the clinic have radio, television and telephones, though Mandela was not taking any calls yesterday.

His room was guarded by six prison warders — three inside his door and three outside. Policemen with walkie-talkie radios patrolled the grounds of the clinic and guarded its entrances where they turned away journalists attempting to pass themselves off as patients or doctors.

A statement yesterday by the South African Prisons Service said that Mandela's status had not changed since his admission to the clinic and that he would be permitted visits "according to existing policy and the needs of the moment".

Asked why it had been felt necessary to move Mandela from Tygerberg to Constantiaberg, a spokesman for the Prisons Service said the private clinic had the "most suitable facilities". Mandela would stay there "as long as his doctor deems it necessary". When he was being held in nearby Polsmoor Prison, Mandela was allowed 30 visits a year, by a maximum of two people at a time, each visit lasting no more than 40 minutes.

Mandela's future 6

Although there is no official confirmation, one theory is that Mandela will gradually be allowed a wider range of visits and visitors, and possibly even controlled news media exposure. In this way, it is suggested, the Government will try to dilute the impact of Mandela's eventual release.

It is considered highly unlikely, however, that any final decision will be taken on his future before the nation-wide elections to segregated municipal councils due to be held on October 26. The Government is already fearful of large gains by the far-right Conservative Party, the main white opposition group in Parliament.

Thatcher sets employment ball rolling



Mrs Margaret Thatcher kicking off the Employment Training scheme, quite literally, watched by junior members of Scunthorpe United.

Mrs Thatcher chose to make her contribution to the launch of the Government's new training scheme for the unemployed by visiting the fourth-division club, one of 25 Football League teams with community projects that will now be funded by ET (writes Peter Davenport).

Surrounded by photographers and television camera crews, the Prime Minister symbolically kicked off the programme by giving a special football carrying the Employment Training logo a deft stab with her black patent shoe. She hoped, she said, that 600,000 people would take advantage of the scheme.

Asked if the programme would become compulsory, Mrs Thatcher said: "It is not compulsory, it is voluntary.

"But just remember, for people to draw unemployment benefit it is a rule, and has been throughout successive governments, that they have to be available for work, ready to take suitable work.

"There are jobs available for which people haven't the skills and this programme is really to concentrate on training those people who have been unemployed for six months."

Asked again whether compulsory schemes would be introduced, Mrs Thatcher said: "We have not got compulsory schemes at the moment but I do say this: you have to be available for work to claim unemployment benefit. The only thing we have done is to say that for young people between 16 and 18, for them unemployment is not an option, nor should it be.

"The whole of the social services and the whole of the National Insurance scheme is meant to provide an income for people who can't find work because there isn't a job, or because they are sick or because they are too old.

"It is not meant to provide an income for those who chose not to go to work."

Before leaving, the Prime Minister toured the facilities at Scunthorpe's new, £2.5 million, purpose-built ground.

The club is involved in a programme that has provided about 200 jobs for people previously out of work, including former footballers.

It is hoped the scheme, with its new ET funding, will now go nationwide.

Fowler's warning, page 2

Arrests linked to troop murders

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after three IRA terrorists were killed by the SAS on Gibraltar in March.

Yesterday Hanratty and McGeough were held in seperate high security prisons in West Germany. Late on Wednesday a West German federal judge ordered the two to be held on suspicion of taking part in the bombings of British army barracks in Duisburg and near Dusseldorf in July and August.

They are also facing charges of attempting to murder 11 soldiers and a German woman injured by the blasts, as well as a German policeman who chased a BMW car after the Duisburg attack.

One of the AK47 rifles has been identified as having been used in an attack on three RAF men in Roermond, Holland in May. One RAF man was shot dead and two others were injured.

Yesterday Herr Alexander Prechtel, spokesman for the Federal Prosecutor's Office in Karlsruhe, said the same rifle was also used to open fire on the policeman who tried to halt the BMW car after the Duisburg attack.

McGeough, from Dungannon, Co Tyrone, was twice banned from mainland Britain by exclusion orders issued under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

The capture of McGeough, who was yesterday said to have maintained complete silence before West German interrogators as he was transferred to a maximum security prison, provoked an undisguised glee among security sources in Ulster.

The suspected terrorist is said to have been one of a corps of senior IRA volunteers who received military training in Libya. He is also said to have been detected at gatherings of IRA supporters in the United States, Europe and the Irish Republic since he went on the run in 1981.

Hanratty, from Andersonstown in West Belfast, has been eluding police since 1984 when he jumped bail while facing charges of conspiracy to murder members of the RUC.

The IRA claimed last night in Belfast to have foiled an SAS operation in the predominantly Catholic west of the city.

It said that undercover agents had been detected following a well-known republican. When challenged the agents escaped at speed in two cars.

In an interview in the *Daily Express*, the Prime Minister said: " One is never satisfied with the way something like the Anglo-Irish agreement works and never will be until we have managed to extinguish terrorism, and to have people north of the border living in some confidence and certainty about the future".

Mrs Thatcher added: "There should be no hiding place for terrorists. Not if you believe in democracy and that goes for south of the border as well as the north".

French vow to stop sale of vineyard to Japan

Paris (Reuter) — M Henri Nallet, the Minister of Agriculture, said yesterday that France would prevent the sale of the Burgundy estate Romanée-Conti, which produces one of the country's finest wines, to a Japanese firm.

"I will stop the sale of Romanée-Conti to a Japanese firm. I have asked M Pierre Beregovoy (the Finance Minister) to block the sale," M Nallet said.

He was reacting to French press reports that the Japanese distribution group Takashimaya was negotiating with officials of the family-owned estate.

"Romanée-Conti is like a cathedral. It is part of the French cultural heritage. It is not a matter of money. Romanée-Conti is a work of art and is priceless," M Nallet added.

Almost half of the 6,000 bottles of the soft, dark red wine are sold in the United States each year, but Japan has emerged in the past few months as a promising market.

The wine, produced on a tiny vineyard of 3.5 acres, is one of the most expensive in the world.

Ownership of the estate has been equally shared for decades between two families, the Leroy and de Villaine, and the owner, M Aubert de Villaine, denied that a sale was under discussion. "It is out of the question for us to sell Romanée-Conti," he said.

M de Villaine said talks were under way with Takashimaya for a minority stake of around 33 per cent by the Japanese group in Leroy SA, which markets the wine.

Japanese firms, anticipating growing consumption in their country, have bought a number of French wine estates in recent years.

Coach 'misled Channel girl'

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and Mr Mark Lewis, a young American observer for the Channel Swimmers' Association, have insisted that Senhora Russo refused to end the attempt when her charge was in obvious distress.

Mr Featherbe, aged 44, told *The Times* that Senhora Russo had held up a sign in Portuguese telling her swimmer that there were only 2 kilometres to go when the boat was about 4½ miles from the French coast. "There is no doubt in my mind that she wanted to urge the swimmer on. She also kept saying during the swim: 'I have spent loads and loads of money on this'."

Senhora Agondi's attempt to beat her country's record was financed by a Brazilian credit card company called Credicard, which represents the interests of Mastercard and Diners Club. Senhor Marcus Molina, a senior executive of the company, flew to Paris when he heard of Senhora Russo's arrest and is expected to be with her in Boulogne today.

The examining magistrate is still waiting for the results of a post-mortem examination carried out on Senhora Agondi last Friday. These are expected to show she died of exhaustion.

For the French authorities the prime responsibility must rest with the swimmer's trainer who knew her and was in charge of her. However, the magistrate would like Mr Lewis and the crew of the Hilda May to come to France to testify.

French legal sources say they have found it difficult to contact Mr Lewis and have little hope of persuading him to testify. But both Mr Cook and Mr Featherbe said last night that they would be happy to assist.

If there are no upsets today, Senhora Russo will be able to leave France for the time being, although police realize that she might not return for the case. Investigations could continue for another two months before the dossier is placed in the hands of the three magistrates who sit in the French Correctional Tribunal court where this type of case is tried.

A further two months could elapse before the Correctional Tribunal passes a verdict. This decision does not require a full trial. If found guilty it will be up to the tribunal to sentence Senhora Russo.

● **Swimmer's sympathy:** Mr Kevin Murphy, Britain's best long distance swimmer, said yesterday that he had "considerable sympathy" for Senhora Russo.

Mr Murphy, who was the first Briton to cross the Channel both ways said that it was "very, very difficult" for any trainer on a boat to see when a swimmer had reached the absolute limit. "I know of countless attempts to swim the Channel when the swimmer has looked to be in a very bad way.

Soviet soldiers die in rocket raid on Kabul

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Government troops battling Muslim rebels in the northern city of Kunduz.

But the Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman, Mr Gennady Gerasimov, denied US charges that the military operation constituted a violation of the Geneva Accord.

Mr Gerasimov repeated Soviet accusations that Pakistan had breached the accords by continuing to aid the rebels, and said the Kunduz incident would not have happened if Washington had pressed Islamabad to respect the agreement.

The UN-mediated accords were signed in April by Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The Moscow talks between Mr Vorontsov and Mr Armacost also come after an Afghan proposal on Wednesday for four-party talks involving the signatories of the Geneva Accord.

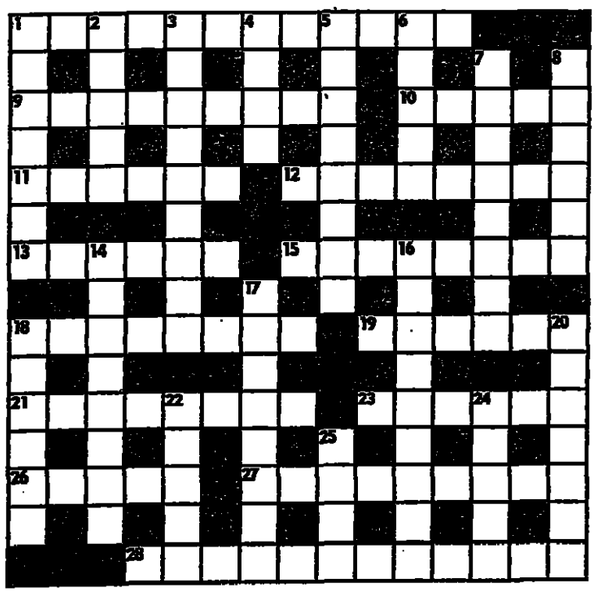
The letter, sent by the Afghan Foreign Minister, Mr Abdul Wakil, to the UN Secretary-General, Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, maintained that such a meeting would "not only lend a fresh impulse to the accord's realization but would also facilitate better mutual understanding between the countries that have signed the Geneva Accord".

● **ISLAMABAD:** Afghanistan's appeal for fresh four-party talks over violations of the Geneva accords was dismissed in Pakistan yesterday as a propaganda ploy (Reuter reports).

"Things are not going well for them," said a Western diplomat. "This is one more propaganda step."

● **PESHAWAR:** Afghan warplanes bombed several villages north of this frontier city yesterday in one of the deepest strikes yet into Pakistani territory, authorities said (AP reports).

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,764



ACROSS

1 Championship venue — course where one slice is enough (4,8).
9 Bush-whacker's child, about one; in Paris (9).
10 Serious but not acute (5).
11 Numb because bound, say (6).
12 Cleaner has child showing divine talent (8).
13 Boiler in vessel (6).
15 Beastly reporter takes plane, perhaps, but is last (4-4).
18 Navy flyer in drama (8).
19 Maintenance on high tower (6).
21 Sticky — that's the sort of cove he is (8).
23 Board under which shops operate (6).
26 This cake contains port (5).
27 Having wonderful vision, she prayed in a daze (5-4).
28 Historic court nonetheless could be powerless because of this (5,7).

DOWN

1 Not in order to be superior (7).
2 Fish about ten pence out (5).
3 Dark grey suit is a money-saver (5-4).
4 Name a poem — simple! (4).
5 Guard has to keep eyes fixed on pointer, for example (5-3).
6 Smoke rising from tragic scene (5).
7 Talk on a literary subject — a custom in *Eric* perhaps (8).
8 Warning to bridge opponents in club (6).
14 Pathetic meeting (8).
16 Royals, for example, have picnic basket with crown on it (3-6).
17 Expert face-saver had right to a living (8).
18 Wooded countryside for, say, a swan-upping (6).
20 Double up in match to enthusiastic approval (7).
22 Bankruptcy by accident (5).
24 Shy bear, say, or aquatic rodent (5).
25 Impair perfection of club brandy (4).

Concise Crossword, page 16

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 11 per cent of the competitors at the 1988 London B regional final of The Times Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship.

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

PIDAN
a. Old eggs
b. An Indian city park
c. Unleavened bread

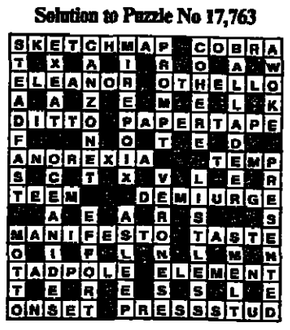
CRIBRIFORM
a. Cheating at exams
b. Full of holes
c. A type of crenellation

MAELID
a. The lower eye-lashes
b. An apple nymph
c. A horse in armour

PHENOM
a. Nickname for a pet animal
b. A Buddhist mantra
c. A prodigy

Answers on page 16, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,763



WEATHER

Scotland and northern England and Wales will be mostly cloudy with frequent showers. There will be sunny spells in the southern half of the country, especially at first, but showers will build up to become frequent at times. It will feel chilly as the strong westerly winds touch gale force at times in exposed places. Outlook: cool, showery and windy on Saturday, becoming drier and less windy on Sunday.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	29	84	s	Malta	36	97	s
Akrotiri	30	86	s	Mexico C*	20	68	c
Alex'dria	30	86	s	Miami*	26	79	t
Algiers	31	88	s	Milan	25	77	s
Amst'dm	18	64	r	Montreal*	22	72	s
Athens	31	88	s	Moscow	18	64	c
Bahrain	36	97	s	Naples	28	82	f
Barbados*	31	88	s	N Delhi	33	91	s
Bermuda*	32	90	f	N York*	26	79	s
Brussels	19	66	c	Nice	26	79	s
B Aires*	12	54	c	Oslo	16	61	c
Chicago*	26	82	s	Paris	17	63	r
Ch'church	11	52	s	Peking	24	75	c
Corfu	32	90	s	Rhodes	32	90	s
Dublin	16	61	f	Rio de J	20	68	c
Dubrovnik	28	82	s	Riyadh	41	106	s
Faro	23	73	s	Rome	29	84	s
Florence	30	86	s	S F'isco*	20	68	s
Frankfurt	25	77	f	Seoul	27	81	f
Funchal	25	77	s	Singapor	30	86	f
Geneva	24	75	f	Strasb'rg	25	77	c
Gibraltar	27	81	s	Sydney	20	68	f
Hong K	29	84	c	Tangier	23	73	f
Innsbruck	25	77	s	Tel aviv	30	86	s
Istanbul	29	84	s	Tenerife	25	77	s
Jeddah	35	95	s	Tokyo	28	82	f
Jo'burg*	25	77	s	Toronto*	23	73	s
L Palmas	24	75	f	Tunis	42	108	s
Le Touet	18	61	r	Valencia	33	91	s
Lisbon	20	68	d	Vanc'ver*	18	64	s
Locarno	18	64	c	Venice	25	77	s
L Angels*	21	70	fg	Vienna	26	79	s
Luxor	37	99	s	Warsaw	23	73	s
Madrid	25	77	s	Wash'ton*	27	81	f
Majorca	28	82	f	Wel'ton	10	50	s
Malaga	32	90	s	Zurich	22	72	s

* denotes Wednesday's figures are latest

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	2.3	.35	17	63	rain
Cromer	0.7	.57	16	61	rain
Lowestoft	2.0	.25	16	61	rain
Southend	2.4	.31	18	64	shower
Margate	2.7	.37	16	61	rain
Hastings	2.8	.59	19	66	rain
Eastbourne	4.1	.53	17	63	rain
Brighton	3.7	.54	17	63	rain
Littlehmptn	5.2	.84	18	64	rain
Southsea	5.3	1.00	18	64	rain
Shanklin	5.7	1.21	17	63	rain
Poole	5.1	1.50	18	64	rain
Weymouth	4.8	1.48	17	63	rain
Exmouth	3.4	1.31	17	63	bright
Torquay	3.2	2.07	17	63	shower
Penzance	5.1	1.00	17	63	bright
Scilly Isles	4.6	.70	16	61	shower
Newquay	5.3	.59	18	64	bright
Minehead	1.9	.69	18	64	shower
Morecambe	4.2	.41	18	64	rain
Douglas	0.6	.41	14	57	rain
Buxton	3.3	.72	17	63	rain
Carlisle	1.5	.19	15	59	rain
Leeds	1.5	.20	19	66	rain
Nottingham	1.9	.43	18	64	rain
Anglesey	3.8	.22	17	63	cloudy
Colwyn Bay	4.2	.28	17	63	rain
Tenby	6.8	.33	17	63	sunny
Aberdeen	1.9	.13	14	57	rain
Aviemore	2.0	.02	16	61	rain
Eskdalemuir	1.7	.54	13	55	rain
Kinloss	0.9	-	15	59	dull
Lerwick	3.9	.02	14	57	rain
Stornoway	1.2	.31	15	59	rain
Wick	3.1	.02	15	59	rain

* Denotes figures not available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.58	6.7	6.47	6.8
Aberdeen	5.59	4.1	6.37	3.6
Avonmouth	11.58	12.0	—	—
Belfast	3.47	3.5	4.15	3.3
Cardiff	11.43	11.1	—	—
Devonport	10.45	5.0	11.06	4.9
Dover	3.40	6.2	3.58	6.3
Falmouth	10.16	4.8	10.36	4.7
Glasgow	5.22	4.9	5.37	4.6
Harwich	4.34	3.8	4.45	3.9
Holyhead	2.51	5.4	3.19	4.9
Hull	10.56	7.2	11.33	6.5
Ilfracombe	10.41	8.2	11.09	8.0
Leith	7.29	5.3	8.06	4.9
Liverpool	3.47	9.0	4.08	8.4
Lowestoft	2.13	2.2	2.19	2.5
Margate	4.46	4.4	4.50	4.7
Milford Haven	10.57	6.2	11.24	6.0
Newquay	9.52	6.3	10.20	6.1
Oban	10.03	3.4	10.49	3.2
Penzance	9.56	5.1	10.21	4.9
Portland	11.33	1.8	—	—
Portsmouth	4.07	4.5	4.36	4.6
Shoreham	3.45	5.9	4.06	5.8
Southampton	3.29	4.3	4.00	4.2
Swansea	11.00	8.6	11.30	8.4
Tees	8.30	5.2	9.02	4.7
Wilton-on-Hire	4.28	4.0	4.41	4.1

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.28ft. Times are BST

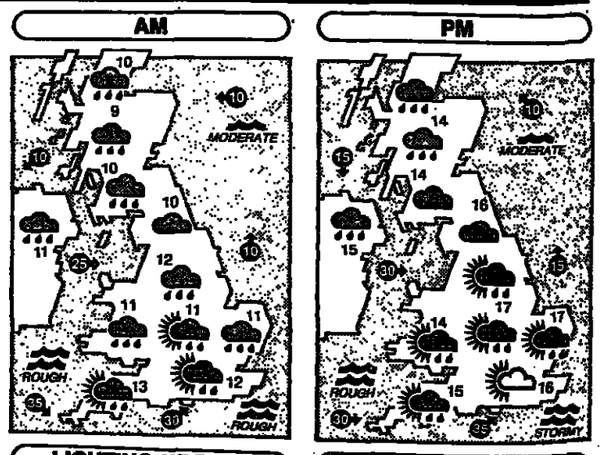
THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.20	2.08
Austria Sch	23.16	21.96
Belgium Fr	69.70	66.20
Canada $	2.16	2.05
Denmark Kr	12.54	11.94
Finland Mrk	7.80	7.40
France Fr	11.16	10.56
Germany Dm	3.268	3.108
Greece Dr	262.00	248.00
Hong Kong $	13.60	12.88
Ireland Pt	1.22	1.16
Italy Lire	2440.00	2310.00
Japan Yen	240.50	228.50
Netherlands Gld	3.70	3.51
Norway Kr	12.06	11.46
Portugal Esc	268.50	254.50
South Africa Rd	4.70	4.20
Spain Pta	215.50	204.50
Sweden Kr	11.35	10.75
Switzerland Fr	2.76	2.62
USA $	1.755	1.665
Yugoslavia Dnr	5700.00	4700.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 106.7 (July)

London: The *FT* index closed down 17.8 at 1391.8



LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 8.14 pm to 5.47 am
Bristol 8.24 pm to 5.56 am
Edinburgh 8.34 pm to 5.51 am
Manchester 8.26 pm to 5.52 am
Penzance 8.34 pm to 6.10 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	15	59	c	Guernsey	15	59	c
B'mingham	16	61	f	Inverness	15	59	r
Blackpool	15	59	r	Jersey	15	59	c
Bristol	18	64	f	London	16	61	r
Cardiff	16	61	c	M'chester	16	61	c
Edinburgh	15	59	r	Newcastle	13	55	r
Glasgow	15	59	r	R'aldsway	14	57	c

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 18C (64F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 14C (57F). Humidity: 6 pm, 64 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.05in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.8hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 997.3 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Gatwick Airport, West Sussex, and Manston, Kent, 21C (70F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Wyton, Cambridgeshire, 0.98in; highest sunshine: Belfast, 11.1hr.

MANCHESTER

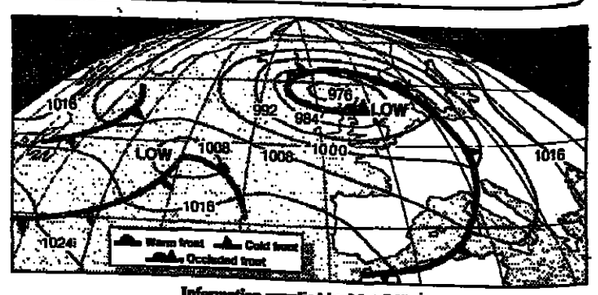
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 18C (64F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 12C (54F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.11in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.3hr.

TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at 6.30pm today.

Sun rises: 6.15 am
Sun sets: 7.44 pm
Moon sets 2.42 pm
Moon rises 9.59 pm
Last quarter tomorrow

NOON TODAY



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FT 30 Share 1391.6 (–17.8)	US dollar 1.6730 (–0.0100)
FT-SE 100 1730.5 (–23.1)	W German mark 3.1360 (–0.0213)
USM (Datastream) 157.00 (–1.31)	Trade-weighted 75.5 (–0.3)

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Goodman to pull out of bid for RHM

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Ranks Hovis McDougall is holding its breath for another possible bid battle after Goodman Fielder Wattie surprised the market and its target by announcing it planned to sell its 29.9 per cent stake and finally abandon its £1.7 billion offer for the food and flour group.

Goodman principally blamed the unexpected reference of the bid to the Monopolies Commission on August 18. This was made on the ground that its high loan gearing might undermine RHM's ability to compete in the British bread market.

The commission has been asked to cancel the investigation as Goodman now wants to pursue European expansion in other ways, probably by building on its Dutch base rather than by bidding for another British group.

Mr Cliff Lyon, European director of the Australasian group, said the stake had not been pre-sold. But Goodman had received a number of inquiries from companies in different countries. It was going back to companies that had expressed interest in buying parts of RHM and might pursue "joint expressions of interest".

Mr Patrick Keenan of Samuel Montagu, adviser to Goodman, said inquiries were also received about the entire stake after yesterday morning's statement. Potential buyers were predominantly other food companies.

Shares in RHM plunged almost 20p on the news to 388.5p, compared with the 465p offered by Goodman before its bid lapsed on the MMC reference.

At this price, Goodman Fielder is still showing a gross profit on its shareholding of £80 million.

More than 8 million shares changed hands yesterday as views conflicted in the City over the likelihood of another swift bid for RHM. Analysts said that without the possibility of a bid, it would be hard to place such a big block of RHM shares at more than 340p a share.

Mr David Lang of Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, said: "It is now open season on RHM. But it is a big company, very well managed and defended; it will not be an easy target".

Mr Bob Rogerson, finance director of RHM, admitted that the decision was a surprise. He said the company would be "letting the dust settle for a few days" before working out a strategy.

Analysts were also puzzled that Goodman should pull out of the new, accelerated, 3-month MMC inquiry after stalking RHM for more than two years.

Mr Lyon said it would be six months before Goodman could complete a new bid for RHM if it passed the Monopolies Commission and this would involve extra cost and prevent Goodman pursuing other possibilities.

Goodman remained confident of MMC approval. But there was, he acknowledged, a risk of failure and few bids referred to the commission had ultimately succeeded recently, even if passed.

The company admitted the rise in interest rates had also had an effect on its thinking. Goodman's £2 billion loan agreement with banks had a maximum interest provision, but this agreement would almost certainly have run out before a bid for RHM could be consummated. Goodman would therefore have been exposed to the recent sharp rise in short-term interest rates.

Young appeal to Australians

Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, yesterday called on Australian entrepreneurs to keep on investing in Britain and not be put off by his referral of Goodman Fielder Wattie's £1.5 billion bid for Ranks Hovis McDougall.

He also delivered a lightly veiled attack on Australia's restrictive approach to foreign takeovers.

Sweets firm looks abroad for growth



Sweet touch: Sir Adrian Cadbury, left, and chief executive Dominic Cadbury yesterday. (Photograph Nick Rogers)

Cadbury lifts profit over £81m

By Alexandra Jackson

Cadbury Schweppes, Britain's biggest sweets and drinks company despite the Rowntree takeover, has raised profits by 29 per cent to almost £82m and is looking to expand further in Europe.

Mr David Nash, group finance director said: "We are actively looking at acquisition opportunities and will not remain lowly geared for long." City analysts expect a move before the end of the year.

The group is also considering increasing its presence in North America and the Pacific Basin.

Mr Dominic Cadbury, the group chief executive said that Cadbury Schweppes had 30 per cent of the British confectionery market and a 55 per cent share in the Republic of Ireland, but its standing in Europe as a whole was 11 per cent compared with Rowntree and Nestlé's 20 per cent.

Pre-tax profits for the six months to June 18 matched the best expectations and up 28.5 per cent from £63.6 million to £81.7 million. But a weak stock market pushed the shares down 9p at 352p.

Sir Adrian Cadbury, group chairman, said: "These results confirm my optimism voiced at the annual general meeting and I remain confident for the year."

Net margins widened from 6.8 per cent to 7.7 per cent on sales up from £932.9 million to £1,063 million.

An interim dividend of 2.4p was declared compared with 2.1p last time. There is a scrip alternative.

Earnings per share enjoyed a one-off benefit because of an adjustment in the group's advanced corporation tax position and rose 30 per cent from 6.91p to 8.97p despite a six per cent increase in the share capital. Without the tax break, the rise would have been 18.4 per cent.

There was an extraordinary gain of £29.8 million from profits from the Dr Pepper Seven-Up merger, less a £9 million provision against the now completed development of Sodamate.

Mr Nash said Cadbury had no plans to change its accounting policy to give the group's brands a value in the balance sheet.

"Goodwill written off in the last three years amount to £300 million, compared to our shareholders funds of £600 million, yet our market capitalization is around £2 billion," he explained.

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M0 adds to rate pressure

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The 4.5 point rise in base rates since early June has had no discernible impact on demand in the economy, according to evidence derived from Bank of England figures.

The growth in the narrow money measure M0 appears to have accelerated last month, estimates derived from Bank of England weekly returns suggest.

The figures, together with a fall for the pound yesterday, will add to the pressure for further base rate increases from the present 12 per cent.

The pound fell a cent to $1.6730 and 2.1 pfennigs to DM3.1360. The sterling index fell by 0.3 points to 75.8. Last night in New York, the Bank of England was said to be intervening in support of sterling.

The growth in M0 last month is estimated to have been 0.9 per cent, seasonally adjusted, and the 12-month rate of growth 7.7 per cent. M0 growth has been officially linked to the strength of consumer spending and the figures suggest that the economy remained highly buoyant in August, during and after base and mortgage rate rises.

M0 growth in July was 7 per cent and the official target range was 1 per cent to 5 per cent. The Treasury and the Bank of England have predicted a slowdown in M0 and the Chancellor said earlier in the summer that he took the M0 target very seriously.

"These figures will go down poorly in the markets," said Mr John Shepperd, economist at Warburg Securities. "The conclusion that people will draw is that the economy continued to be very strong in August. The psychological effect of the interest rate increases has not yet come through."

Share prices in London continued their shake-out in response both to interest rate fears and weak markets elsewhere. The FT-SE 100 index fell by 23.1 points 1,730.5.

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WPP profit jumps to £16m

By Carol Ferguson

A near fourfold jump in interim profits at Mr Martin Sorrell's advertising and marketing services group, WPP, failed to excite the market yesterday.

Pre-tax profits rose from £3.3 million to £16.2 million, comfortably ahead of analysts' expectations, but the share price slumped 21p to close at 577p in a weak market.

Progress in turning round profitability at the J Walter Thompson advertising agency, bought by WPP at the end of June 1987, was faster than expected.

Adjusting for the rights issue which accompanied the $566 million (£337 million) acquisition, WPP's earnings per share jumped 50 per cent to 22.5p. The interim dividend was raised from 1.5p to 5.4p net.



Sorrell: improved margins

Mr Sorrell said that, excluding acquisitions, organic growth in marketing services had been more than 20 per cent. He added that operating margins had improved from 5.3 per cent to 8.9 per cent, due both to new business and to efficiencies at JWT and at Hill and Knowlton, the public relations business acquired as part of JWT.

The level of new business at JWT picked up, particularly in the second quarter of this year. Mr Sorrell said: "These totalled over $200 million in billings worldwide in the first half, and ranked the agency No.2 for new business in North America in 1988 so far."

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Flotation halt denied by Racal

By Our City Staff

Racal has strongly denied speculation that current weakness in the stock market has led to a postponement of the proposed flotation of Vodafone, its cellular radio subsidiary.

Mr Kenneth Ward, director of corporate communications at Racal, said yesterday: "Things are today as they were yesterday. We are going ahead with the flotation.

"We wrote to all our shareholders on Wednesday, saying we were going ahead with the issue, although it included a caveat — as has all our documentation — that the flotation is subject to market conditions.

"In light of the rumours that the issue was to be pulled," Mr Ward continued "we have had discussions with all our advisers who assure us they were not responsible for starting them."

Racal's shares dropped 16p to 288p at one stage yesterday on fears the issue was to be postponed, but recovered partly to close the day down 11p at 293p.

Racal will publish a pathfinder prospectus in the middle of this month for investment professionals and the media, and will follow this with a series of roadshows in Britain, Continental Europe and the United States.

The full prospectus will be issued in mid-October with the view that shares in the new company will be quoted in London and New York.

BCGM winding up costs 'are covered'

By Lawrence Lever

The costs of winding up Barlow Clowes Gilt Managers are more than covered by gross deposit interest of £100,000 a week earned on £52.5 million which has been recovered, according to a letter sent out by the BCGM liquidators.

The letter is being sent to all the investors in BCGM and lays down the necessary action before they can get at least some of their money back.

Mr Michael Jordan, of Cork Gully, one of the liquidators, has already said that he hopes BCGM investors will receive a "substantial" interim payment by Christmas.

The legal process of getting the money back to BCGM investors starts this morning in the High Court. The liquidators are taking the first steps aimed at getting the court to approve an appropriate basis for returning money to investors.

This has to take into account the fact that there are 10 different categories of investor in BCGM. Investors' rights are likely to vary depending which category they are in.

Investors in BCGM are likely to recover most of their money. However, investors in BCI face heavy losses, with around £100 million of the £138 million owed to them at risk.

Midland lifts credit card rate

By Maria Scott

Midland Bank is increasing the interest rate on its Access credit card from 23.1 to 26.8 per cent (annual percentage rate) from next Thursday.

Midland, which has 2.5 million Access card-holders, has moved in line with Barclaycard, which goes up to 26.8 per cent from September 15. This is now the highest rate among the bank credit cards. The TSB, National Westminster and Lloyds have all announced increases to 25.3 per cent (APR).

Midland is also lifting rates on six of its personal loan schemes, by between 1.1 and 3.5 per cent.

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	1997.51 (–34.14)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	26834.26 (–431.69)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2433.32 (–10.48)
Amsterdam: Gen	262.5 (–1.7)
Sydney: AO	1540.2 (–30.4)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1454.5 (–18.8)
Brussels:	
General	4877.2 (–2.0)
Paris: CAC	348.3 (+0.6)
Zurich: SKA Gen	464.3 (–4.8)
London:	
FT–A All-Share	898.42 (–12.75)
FT– "500"	981.32 (–13.83)
FT. Gold Mines	193.1 (–1.0)
FT. Fixed Interest	95.95 (–0.88)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Irish Distillers	357½p (+9p)
Moss Bros	225p (+17p)
Int Thomson	635p (+15p)
AC	430p (+12p)
Grainger	500p (+17p)
FALLS:	
Schroders	925p (–25p)
Anglia Securities	397½p (–20p)
Amec	332p (–14p)
McCarthy & Stone	386½p (–26p)
Ibstock Johnsen	165½p (–11p)
G Oliver	505p (–20p)
Bass	737½p (–14p)
Sharpe & Fisher	282p (–13p)
Ellis & Everard	170p (–14p)
Security Services	357p (–20p)
Securicor	393p (–27p)
RHM	387p (–21p)
Quadrant Group	223p (–12p)
Really Useful	535p (–15p)
Ashley	75½p (–15p)
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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 12%
3-month Interbank 12⅝–12¼%
3-month eligible bills: 11⅝–11 11/16%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 10%
Federal Funds 8 1/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.28–7.26%*
30-year bonds 97 13/16–97 21/32*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6730	£: $1.6743*
£: DM3.1360	$: DM1.8753*
£: SwFr2.6467	$: SwFr1.5825*
£: FFr10.6537	$: FFr6.3765*
£: Yen227.95	$: Yen136.48*
£: Index:75.5	$: Index:100.3
ECU £0.657514	SDR £0.766090

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $430.30 pm-$430.40
close $430.50-431.00 (£257.00-257.50)
New York:
Comex $430.60-431.10*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Oct.) . pm $14.50bbl (14.64)
* Denotes latest trading price

THE TIMES STOCK WATCH

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● Market news on Stockwatch yesterday included: Rank Hovis McDougall (01161) lost 16p on news that Goodman Fielder Wattie is selling its near-30 per cent stake. The Lambert Howarth Group (02254) showed a decline of just over 70 per cent-shares fell 45p. Cadbury Schweppes (01730) reported figures in line with the highest expectations — but shares eased 6p on the day.

● Recent additions include: Ashley Industrial Trust Referred 03431

● Calls charged 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds off peak inc. VAT.

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Valor flames burning bright

By Colin Campbell

The accepted social tradition for long-standing friends anxious to make up is to place an advertisment in the personal columns of *The Times*. It might read AA: Desperate to see you. Miss you. Arrange time and venue. Leave phone number. CC.

Mr Michael Montague, chairman of Yale and Valor, and Mr Norman Davis, a former non-executive financial director who after 20 years service resigned in May in a highly publicized exit, left it to the gods to decide where, when and how.

Fate decided it was to be at yesterday's postponed annual meeting. The forum — The International Press Centre, London — and the tenor of the row between friends of 30 years' standing, was enough to ensure a handsome turnout. In the event, it was a meeting few of the 300 attending shareholders will ever forget. It was a meeting the like of which there has never been — and all under the aegis of the Companies Act.

The meeting was all about Mr Davis' attack on the annual accounts, their presentation and detail, and in particular his resolution that Yale and Valor appoint a full-time chief executive and an "experienced non-executive finance director".

Mr Davis, with a fine accountant's eye for precision, moved gently into his attack. He homed in on political donations, moved to tax, and then lost most of his audience with a debate about exceptional and extraordinary items. The new finance director, Mr Tony Marson, and the auditors Arthur Young, both up for re-election, were early on their toes.

Mr Montagu had earlier proffered the olive branch. "We have been close personal friends for 30 years. Our families used to go on holiday together twice a year. Members of my family miss you."

But Mr Davis was determined to exercise his once a year democratic right to ask questions, and emphasized that by reminding the floor he held 150,000 shares. A fellow shareholder, who until then had sat passively, produce his trump. "I am a bigger shareholder than you," he quipped before marching to podium with his 300,000 share certificate.

Mr Montague sensing that Mr Davis was solidly laying foundation stones to move in for the kill, had to remind Mr Davis that this was an annual meeting, not a seminar on accountancy. "And after what I have heard, I say it with some pride that I am not an accountant," Mr Montagu said.

Mr Davis' questions continued. What was the chairman's service agreement, and why were details not disclosed? Why has it taken so long to apply to the High Court for a reduction in the share premium account? How can the company presume the court's decision — and would would happen if the court said no? To that question Mr Peter Rands of Arthur Young said — probably to his regret — "Then we would be up a gum tree."

Mr Davis remarked that drawing answers from the board was like his dentist drawing teeth. Up jumped Mr Montague to protest. "I will have nothing said against my dentist. Norman, you know very well that you and I go to the same dentist." Then there was a general recommendation that those in need of a good dentist go to Mr X, and a warm recommendation from Mr Montague that if anybody had a tax problem they should go to Mr Davis.

Shareholders must have felt as if there were eavesdropping on a lovers' tiff. "I wish our friendship could resume. I wish we would play chess again." In an aside, Mr Davis replied, 'Yes it would probably be stalemate".Perhaps by next year's annual meeting we will know if Norman and Michael are friends again.

Meanwhile for shareholders' comfort Michaal said that friendly meetings had been held with Williams Holdings, now owner of a 4 per cent stake, and Ingersoll Rand, with a 3 per cent stake, and that Yale and Valor was going great guns.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Petrofina buys petrol stations in £26m deal

Petrofina, the British subsidiary of the Belgian national oil company, is to increase its market share in Britain by acquiring 58 petrol stations and service sites owned and operated by the Norfolk House Group, in a deal worth £26.4 million. Of the 58 sites, 35 will be leased back to Norfolk House's management services division for two years.

Petrofina is acquiring 20 sites this month for £9.68 million, 34 sites next March for £13.26 million and a further four sites for £3.5 million once Norfolk House, a USM-quoted company founded five years ago, acquires the necessary planning permission for their development.

News group rises to £1.7m

Home Counties Newspapers increased pre-tax profits to £1.73 million, up from £1.15 million, for the six months ended July 1. Turnover rose 25 per cent to £8.7 million. The company said all the group's newspapers continued to increase revenues during the period. Earnings per share grew from 14.6p to 22p. An interim dividend of 3.75p per share is being paid compared with last year's 2.5p.

Canadian buy for Hartons

Hartons Group has paid Can$5.4 million (£2.6 million) for the Crystaplex Plastics group, a Toronto-based distributor of semi-finished plastics and other products. The Crystaplex parent company made pre-tax profits of £530,000 in 1987, on a turnover of £12.7 million, but two subsidiaries, a Canadian refrigeration and insulation panel business, and an ice product distributor in Minneapolis, lost £130,000.

Alan Cooper ahead

Forecast-beating figures for the first half to end-June have been reported by Alan Cooper Holdings, the office furniture manufacturer, with profits ahead by 35 per cent to £1.32 million.

The interim dividend is raised by 0.6p to 2.1p. Analysts were also impressed by news of £2.74 million in the bank at the half year end which is earmarked for expansion. This includes £1.8 million to be spent on a new factory at Altham, Lancashire. Mr John McCready of Laurence Prust & Co, the broker, a long-time follower of the stock, is looking for £2.5 million pre-tax for the current year, while conceding this is a conservative estimate, and a total payment to shareholders of 6.2p a share.

Macfarlane lifts payout

Macfarlane Group (Clansman), the packaging and printing company led by Sir Norman Macfarlane, the chairman of Guinness, increased pre-tax profits in the six months to end-June from £2.3 million to £3.3 million. Sales advanced from £31.7 million to £41.3 million. An interim dividend of 1.75p was declared, up from 1.25p. Sir Norman is confident 1988 results will be substantially ahead.

Inoco sells US properties

Inoco, the property investment and trading company, has sold its US oil and gas properties to Firstland Oil & Gas for £650,000. The properties comprise the company's interests in five producing wells in Louisiana and a further 46 wells in Ohio. The monthly income from these properties has averaged $37,000 (£22,000) over the last six months. The properties were valued at purchase price.

City Gate offices sale

City Gate Estates, the commercial and residential property developer, has sold an 88,000 sq ft freehold commercial property in Hammersmith, west London, for £17.75 million, to a private investment company. The sale is City Gate's first deal since it came to the USM in July.

The site was acquired in February for £2 million, and it is estimated that the profit margin on the sale, after refurbishment, could exceed 25 per cent, or more than £4.44 million. These profits will not be accounted for in the current year but in 1990, when the building, which comprises 32 offices, will be handed over to the new owners. City Gate was established in 1985 under a Business Expansion Scheme, and now owns a mainly commercial development portfolio worth about £100 million.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings August 22	Last Dealings September 9	Last Declaration November 24	For Settlement December 5

Call options were taken out on: 1/9/88 THF, Singer & Friedlander, Oliver Resources, Hickson, Reine Eng., Brent Walker, Racal, Westland Oil, Tesco, Jantar, W A Holdings, Control Securities, Helical Bar, Tuskar Resources, Dinkie Heel, Tozer Kemsley, Regentcrest, Dee Corp, Amstrad, BSR, Blacks Leisure, BOM Holdings.
Puts: Helical Bar, Sovereign Oil & Gas.

TEMPUS

Bid talk over-sweetens Cadbury

Cadbury Schweppes may not include its valuable brands in its balance sheet, but it certainly makes them work hard.

Seventy per cent of the £22.8 million rise in interim trading profits came from existing businesses as opposed to 52 per cent of the £130 million increase in sales.

An improvement in profitability is reflected in group trading margins which widened from 7.1 per cent to 8.4 per cent. The progress was particularly strong from beverages, where the advance was more than a third.

All of this is no more than a good branded business should be achieving. But the fact that Cadbury Schweppes is actually doing so is comforting.

Moreover, the franchising of the US confectionery business to Hershey and the reshuffle of Cadbury Schweppes's shareholding in the enlarged Dr Pepper Seven-Up soft drinks company — both deals release useful capital — shows the group making best use of its brands without straining the balance sheet.

Cadbury has a leading share of the confectionery market in the British Isles but is less well established in Continental Europe, despite the acquisition of Poulain.

Cadbury's total European market share, at 11 per cent, is only slightly more than half that of the now formidable Rowntree-Nestlé. At least one worthwhile purchase is needed to take Cadbury into the big league in Europe. Acquisitions are being actively considered and something should be announced before the year-end.

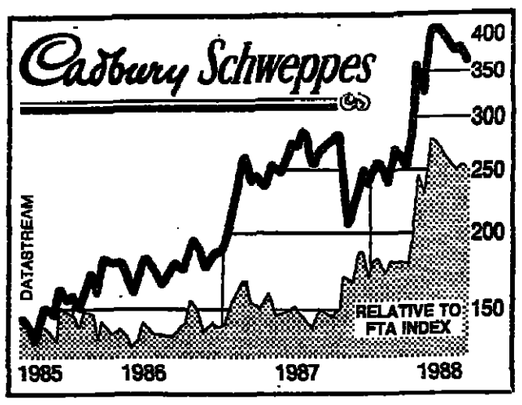
Soft drinks have suffered from poor weather in Europe, particularly in the UK, but attention to costs has minimized the effect on margins. By the year-end, however, growth is unlikley to be quite as strong as last year's 15 per cent.

The confectionery business is finding it hard to maintain market share, but it has increased domestic profits by 6 per cent despite redundancy costs and higher marketing spend.

Growth in earnings per share, at 29.8 per cent at the half-year stage, has been flattered by the once-and-for-all adjustment to the group's advanced corporation tax position. A more realistic measure is an increase of 18.4 per cent.

The General Cinema stake remains unchanged at 18.3 per cent and the Cadbury Schweppes board has still had no contact with the company. Suffice it to say a bid would involve General Cinema gearing up considerably as it is a third the size of its prey.

The stake has, however, pushed up the shares to levels well ahead of events. Forecasts of £225 million for this year and £265 million for next give earnings of 24.7p and 27p respectively. The shares, selling on a prospective p/e of 14.3, are no more than a hold on fundamentals.



WPP

Any lingering doubts that Mr Martin Sorrell had bitten off more than he could chew when he launched his audacious bid for J Walter Thompson, America's best known and now its second biggest advertising agency, should be dispelled by yesterday's sparkling results.

Pre-interest profits at JWT jumped from $12.9 million (£7.7 million) for the six months to June 30, 1987, the period immediately prior to acquisition, to $30 million in the latest half year.

Part of this is due to improved efficiency. JWT's overheads at the country, regional and business unit levels have been significantly reduced. But the cash saved has been channelled into investment on creative talent, and it is in winning new business that JWT has scored.

Margins have been rising faster than expected, and the next stage in the strategic development of the business is to gear up the organization to supply more services to clients.

At present, WPP does very little cross-selling of its services. To some extent, this depends on the client. Whether, for instance, an advertising client of JWT wants to have its public relations handled by Hill & Knowlton will be the major factor in whether WPP does the business.

But it also depends very much on WPP's ability to respond to requests for additional services. In the first year since the acquisition of JWT, the group has not made particularly strenuous efforts in this direction.

This year, with a little influence and direction from the centre, these cross-selling opportunities which crop up, according to Mr Sorrell, on a daily basis, will be more actively exploited.

Far from diluting WPP's earnings, which was the big worry at the time of the JWT acquisition, the US agency has enhanced earnings. Earnings per share were up 50 per cent at the half-year stage.

In the full year, pretax profits should rise to at least £36 million, giving a 56 per cent advance in earnings per share to 50p. The prospective multiple is 11.5, which looks rather modest given Mr Sorrel's achievements so far.

UK Paper

Convincing a post-Crash City of the merits of UK Paper has not been easy. Paper companies tend to get blown away in a recession and impressive as the management's record was in the short time between the buyout from Bowater and its stock market flotation last March, the sceptics remain.

But nerves should be soothed by yesterday's interim figures. Even though the relentless surge in pulp prices has eaten into profit margins, there is no denying a 38 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £8.4 million.

A big part of the improvement is owed to the interest bill — more than halved to £1.2 million following the flotation — but the group has clearly also achieved some extensive cost reductions. It can make more and, with the aid of some price increases of its own this month, the group should be capable of restoring its margins in the second half.

Meanwhile, there is no shortage of customers. Turnover of coated paper improved by 18 per cent in the first six months.

Spending will be stepped up, with £13 million going on the newest equipment at its Sittingbourne, Kent and Donside plants this year and £16 million next, as the group seeks to win a bigger slice of the market from the Scandinavian competition. The Guppy chain of paper merchants is being developed with a view to making a significant profit contribution.

Cash is no problem. Recent disposals have left it with about £18.5 million and gearing only just in double figures. It has 445 lucrative acres of undeveloped land half an hour's drive from the Eurotunnel entrance.

UK Paper is comfortably on line for profits of £18 million, suggesting earnings per share of about 20p and a p/e ratio of just above 8 after the 5p rise in the share price to 164p.

Cookson extends £28m bid

By Our City Staff

Cookson Group has extended its £28 million offer for Wolstenholme Rink, the printing materials manufacturer, by two weeks to September 13, after disclosing 0.5 per cent acceptances to add to the 0.7 per cent it already owns.

Wolstenholme will this weekend send out its second and final defence document.

Analysts have already pencilled in pre-tax profits of £3.5 million for the current year to end-December, a rise of 16 per cent over 1987.

Cookson has also agreed the £13.55 million cash acquisition of Anchor/Lith-Kem-Ko of Jacksonville, Florida, a manufacturer of pressroom chemicals to the lithographic industry.

The purchase complements Cookson's Frank Horsell Group subsidiary, which makes lithographic plates.

Anchor supplies the printing industry in the US and internationally, with 20 per cent of sales exported, mainly to Europe. Sales in the year to end-June were $11.6 million (£6.9 million) and pre-tax profits were $1.55 million.

US NOTEBOOK

Tide of dollar support has not been stemmed

From Maxwell Newton, New York

The fury of the European central banks' actions last week has not reversed the tide of support for the dollar.

Yesterday in New York, it rose sharply against the yen as the dollar bulls, finding themselves temporarily frustrated by the European central banks' actions, moved to sell the yen down to a level that is more comparable with the falls that have already taken place in the mark.

As of Monday, compared with February 26, the mark was down 9.8 per cent, the pound had fallen 5.4 per cent, the Swiss franc had declined 12 per cent and the yen was 4.6 per cent lower.

Further rises in the dollar are to be expected, as the participants in the market find that the demand for the American currency far exceeds the supply at current prices.

There are several reasons for believing that the supply of dollars will fall short of demand.

First, US money growth continues to be very modest. Since December last year, money M2 has risen less than 5 per cent a year, compared with an average annual increase of 9.1 per cent in the two years ended the fourth quarter of 1986.

The contrast in the growth rates of M1 has been even more striking. In the two years ended the fourth quarter of 1986, M1 rose an average 13.8 per cent a year. But in the 18 months to June 1988, M1 rose only 4½ per cent a year.

There has been a drastic deceleration of the growth rate of the US money stock since the end of 1986. Mr Paul Volcker instituted the money growth freeze in January last year when he was chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

This freeze is a major element in the current and prospective strength of the dollar, just as the money growth explosion in the two years that ended in December 1986 was a major factor in the weakness of the dollar.

Second, US negative net exports of goods and services are declining very rapidly.

Since the fourth quarter of last year, the seasonally adjusted annual rate of the level of negative net exports of goods and services has fallen 30 per cent.

Third, the global environment for US exports may continue to be relatively favourable, due to the recovery that is underway in West Germany's economic growth.

Figures for American factory orders released on Tuesday indicated continuing strong growth and a continuing low level of factory inventories relative to shipments.

This in turn suggests that the surge in American exports is continuing to support vigorous factory output growth.

COMPANY BRIEFS

CUNDELL GROUP (Int) — *Pre-tax:* £1.31 (£0.86)m *EPS:* 4.79 (3.47)p *Div:* 1.28p — Turnover £19.84 (£16.26)m. The group continues to enjoy good volumes. Directors confident of another successful year.

ENG.& O/SEAS PROP. (Int) — *Pre-tax:* £0.55 (£0.23)m *EPS:* 10.5 (4.3)p *Div:* Nil — Turnover £1.87 (£1.93)m. Current developments proceeding on schedule. The company has bought a 4.5-acre site.

GRAFTON GROUP (Int) — *Pre-tax:* £0.51 (£0.04)m *EPS:* 2.9 (0.2)p *Div:* 1.5 (1)p — Group has two Payless Stores in Dublin with plans to open more. Plastic division has improved.

KALON GROUP (Int) — *Pre-tax:* £1.16 (£0.56)m *EPS:* 0.61 (0.31)p *Div:* 0.3p (nil) — Turnover £46.06 (£42.59)m. Trading in second half is seasonally stronger. Board expects continued recovery.

ASS.-HENRIQUES (Int) — *Pre-tax:* £0.65 (£0.52)m *EPS:* 1.28 (1.20)p *Div:* 0.75p — Company's intention remains to build the group into a specialized trade finance and service organization.

POLYTECHNIC ELEC. (Fin) — *Pre-tax:* £1.13m *EPS:* 8.1p (loss 5.9)p *Div:* 0.5p — Turnover £7.85 (£2.95)m. Pre-tax loss for 1987 £0.85m. Several million pounds invested in Global Positioning Program.

CHURCH & CO (Int) — *Pre-tax:* £2.22 (£2.06)m *EPS:* 12.8 (11.6)p *Div:* 3 (3)p — Outcome for the year depends on important trading months to come, both in this country and overseas.

RECORD & CO (Int) — *Pre-tax:* £1.55 (£1.20)m *EPS:* 3.75 (2.96)p *Div:* 0.66 (0.125)p — Turnover £16.33 (£12.46)m. If healthy trading continues, company expects to recommend a more generous final dividend.

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ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	993	CU	1,221	Laporte	119	Saatchi	710
Abbey	1,183	Cons Gold	323	Lasmo	834	Sainsbury	364
Allid-Lyons	1,118	Cookson	434	Lloyds	1,637	Scot & N	1,826
Amstrad	3,456	Courtaulds	1,733	Lonrho	8,299	Sears	8,568
ASDA	2,283	Daigety	863	Lucas	481	Sedgwick	313
AB Foods	418	Dee	390	Magnet	614	Shell	1,180
Argyll	1,518	Dixons	127	MAS	4,104	Siebe	307
BAA	712	ECC	342	Marwell Cm	1,102	Slough	1,994
BET	845	Enterprise	656	MEPC	1,486	Smith & N	3,745
BTR	1,893	Ferranti	1,503	Metal Box	2,254	Smith WH	152
BAT	2,083	Fisons	871	Midland	932	Smiths Ind	1,182
Barclays	2,206	FKI Babck	819	NatWest	725	STC	1,695
Bass	191	Gen Acc	124	Nmrt	601	Stan Chart	403
Beecham	2,070	GEC	4,684	Nth Food	271	Storehse	1,160
Beazer	381	Glaxo	1,377	P&O	974	Sun Allince	1,125
Bensid SW	321	Globe Inv	163	Pearl	496	T & N	234
BICC	528	Glynwed	1,070	Pearson	203	Tarmac	430
Blue Arrow	5,397	Granada	531	Pilkington	1,158	Tate & Lyle	216
Blue Circle	450	Grand Met	1,495	Plessey	1,342	Taylor Wood	n/a
BOC	134	GUS 'A'	218	Potty Pack	2,673	TSB	1,259
Boots	2,366	GRE	1,151	Prudential	870	Tesco	1,784
BPB	686	GKN	732	Racal	9,155	Thorn EMI	325
Br Aero	728	Guinness	1,071	Rk Hovis	8,891	Trafalgar	868
Br Asways	2,547	Hamm 'A'	265	Rank	610	THF	1,827
Br Comm	577	Hanson	648	R&C	229	Ultramar	996
Br Gas	7,871	H & C	109	Redland	213	Unigate	556
Br Land	4,747	Hawker	630	Reed	990	Unilever	1,081
Br Petrol	3,873	Hillsdown	408	Reuters	403	United Bis	1,086
Br Telecm	965	IMI	664	RMC Gp	550	Utd News	325
Bunzl	2,218	ICI	1,161	RTZ	1,465	Wellcome	710
Burmah	2,176	Inchcape	409	R-Royce	4,175	Whitbrd	2,515
Burton	1,194	Jaguar	835	Rothmn 'B'	931	Williams	2,982
C&W	1,275	Lasmo	2,381	Rowntree	n/a	Willis Feb	48
Cadbury	1,065	Ladbroke	1,213	Royal Bank	316	Wimpey G	461
Coats	848	Land Sec	494	Royal Ins	770	Woolworth	321

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Allid Lyon...	390	17	27	36	13	19	23
(*390)	420	6½	16	22	35	38	42
	460	1½	6	11	72	73	76
Bass	750	27	40	55	18	35	40
(*745)	800	8	18	32	55	70	72
	850	1½	7	–	106	110	–
Brit Air...	140	12	17	21	4	8	10
(*147)	160	3½	7	12	17	22	26
	180	1	3	8	36	39	–
Brit Com...	220	12	17	20	12	14	16
(*219)	240	4	7	12	26	28	29
	260	2	4	8	45	47	47
Brit Gas...	160	15½	21½	23	1½	2¾	4½
(*172)	180	3¾	8¾	11	10	11	13
	200	½	3	4¼	28	28	30
BP...	240	8½	16½	20	8	11	16
(*240)	260	2	8	11	22	22	28
	280	½	3¼	4½	42	42	45
Cons Gold...	950	67	110	135	40	52	62
(*961)	1000	43	85	100	70	86	95
	1100	21	58	70	145	150	160
Courtauld...	300	18	28	37	8	15	17
(*307)	330	5	15	22	28	32	33
	361	1¼	6	12	57	57	57
Cons Union...	360	8	18	23	30	32	41
(*335)	390	3	11	14	58	58	62
	420	2	5	–	88	86	–
C & W...	330	39	50	57	4	9	15
(*363)	360	18	27	38	14	20	27
	390	8	16	22	33	40	44
GEC...	140	17	22	27	2	4½	6
(*153)	160	4½	9	13	10	12	15
	180	1	3½	6	28	29	32
GKN...	300	20	28	34	5½	9	15
(*309)	330	4½	12	17	23	25	29
	360	1	5	8	53	54	53
Grand Met...	420	78	–	–	1½	–	–
(*492)	460	43	57	65	5	10	15
	500	16	33	40	19	25	32
	550	3	13	20	62	63	65
ICI...	900	115	145	–	3	10	–
(*1000)	950	72	105	–	10	21	–
	1000	37	72	–	27	39	–
	1100	7	27	–	107	107	–
Jaguar...	240	13½	22	26	13	17	21
(*244)	260	5½	13	17	25	28	38
	280	3	7	12	43	46	53
	300	1	4	6	63	66	73
Land Sec...	500	52	67	80	3	9	15
(*542)	550	18	35	47	20	25	35
	600	4	14	25	60	63	65
M & S...	150	4½	9	13	11	12	14
(*152)	160	1	4	6	30	31	31
	200	1	1½	–	50	51	–
R-Royce...	130	9	17	15	7	10	13
(*130)	140	2½	7	9	14	16	20
	150	1	2	4	33	34	36
STC...	250	9	19	23	12½	18	20
(*251)	280	3	11	14	31	32	34
	300	1½	5	8	51	51	53
Salesbury...	200	15	21	26	6	7	9
(*208)	220	3	10	15	16	18	20
	240	1	4	–	35	35	–
	260	½	2	–	55	55	–
Shell...	950	65	85	97	28	38	45
(*990)	1000	27	55	65	63	65	78
	1100	2½	16	28	135	137	135
Storehse...	240	1½	7	13	42	42	45
(*200)	260	1	4	6	62	62	62
	280	1	2	–	82	82	–
Trafalgar...	280	30	35	42	3	7	10
(*302)	300	14	22	27	8	17	20
	330	5	9	13	30	35	37
TSB...	90	13	16	–	1	2	–
(*100)	100	5	8½	–	3	5	–
	110	2	4	5	11	12	12½
Utd Biec...	300	2	8	11	40	40	42
(*353)	330	1	2	6	70	70	70
Ultramar...	280	8	17	22	32	35	42
(*251)	300	3	11	16	52	53	56
	330	2	5½	–	82	82	–
Woolworth...	260	4½	13	20	26	30	33
(*235)	280	1½	6	11	48	50	52
	300	1	3	8	67	70	72

	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Amstrad...	200	13	22	30	8	12	16
(*205)	220	4	12	20	18	22	28
	240	2	6	13	36	36	40
Barclays...	360	36	42	–	3	8	–
(*365)	395	7	18	–	28	28	–
	429	1	6	–	58	58	–
Beecham...	420	44	54	65	1½	7½	11
(*456)	460	13	26	40	12½	24	27
	500	2	11	22	48	48	51
Boots...	200	12	18	24	6	10	13
(*204)	220	3	8	15	18	21	24
	240	½	3½	8	37	38	38
BTR...	260	9	17	28	9	12	14
(*263)	280	2	8	16	24	25	27
	300	¼	4	9	43	44	44
Blue Circ...	390	30	43	55	4	12	18
(*414)	420	11	25	37	19	27	32
	460	2½	11	22	52	55	57
	600	†	4	10	90	93	95
Dixons...	160	4½	10	12	12	15	17
(*151)	180	1½	5	8	31	32	33
	200	¼	2	3	50	52	52

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Glaxo...	900	59	79	110	8	31	42
(*947)	950	29	60	80	28	52	63
	1000	9	30	58	62	84	92
	1100	1	10	–	162	165	–
Hanson...	130	8½	12½	14½	1	3¾	5
(*139)	140	2	6½	8½	5	9	10¼
	160	½	1½	3	24	24½	25
Hawker...	460	55	60	70	3	7	12
(*506)	500	20	30	44	14	25	32
	550	2½	10	23	50	53	58
Hillsdown...	260	12	20	29	6	12	14
(*261)	280	2	11	20	20	23	27
	300	1	5	11	40	40	40
Lonhro...	223	27	35	–	1	3	–
(*248)	240	12	23	28	3	7	14
	260	3	11	17	13	16	23
Midland...	390	14	27	35	8	13	20
(*393)	420	3	12	20	30	32	39
	460	1	4	8	68	70	72
Sears...	110	21	24	29	½	2½	4½
(*129)	120	13½	17½	23	1½	5½	8
	130	7	12	18	5½	10	12
Tesco...	140	5	10	13	6	10	11
(*140)	160	½	1½	5	23	23	26
	180	½	1	2	43	43	43
Thorn EMI...	600	35	53	65	5	13	20
(*629)	650	8	27	37	30	37	45
	700	2	10	17	80	80	82
THF...	220	17	26	30	2	6½	10
(*233)	240	5½	14	18	11	15	20
	260	2	7	11	29	30	34
Unilever...	420	27	41	53	3	11	14
(*439)	460	5	18	32	23	31	34
	500	1	6½	14	66	66	66
Wellcome...	500	11	30	45	21	33	37
(*488)	550	1½	12	28	65	68	70
	600	¼	4½	14	115	115	115

	Series	Sep	Nov	Jan	Sep	Nov	Jan
RMC...	420	7	13	17	30	37	43
(*391)	460	1½	4	8	70	73	73
	500	1	1½	5	110	112	115

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAA...	285	10	–	–	13	–	–
(*288)	280	4½	10	17	26	30	32
	300	2	5	10	46	47	49
Brit Aero...	420	66	86	–	4	7	–
(*484)	460	38	55	65	14	22	27
	500	17	35	42	36	43	47
	550	5	14	25	78	80	82
BAT Ind...	390	51	64	71	3½	7½	12
(*436)	420	30	44	51	12	17	23
	460	11	23	30	35	39	45
Brit Tele...	220	18	21	26	6	9	12
(*229)	240	7	11	16	16	20	23
	260	2	4½	10	34	36	37
Cadbury...	330	38	53	–	5	12	–
(*358)	360	21	33	40	20	25	32
	390	10	20	28	42	43	47
	420	4	12	15	65	66	68
Guinness...	280	32	40	–	3	6	–
(*304)	300	16	22	30	10	14	17
	330	4	10	16	30	32	35
	360	1	4	6	58	60	62
Ladbroke...	390	50	60	–	5	8	–
(*429)	420	25	40	45	14	18	22
	460	9	19	25	40	43	43
LASMO...	390	19½	42	52	22	33	40
(*385)	420	9	28	39	45	52	60
	460	3	16	25	80	81	87
Pilkington...	180	28	28	–	2½	4	–
(*199)	200	13	16	24	8	12	14
	220	4	9	14	24	25	27
	240	1	3½	6	43	45	47
Plessey...	140	21	25	31	1½	5	7
(*155)	160	9	13	17	11	14	18
	180	3	7	10	27	29	30
P & O...	500	63	78	–	4	6	–
(*557)	550	27	43	55	20	27	35
	600	9	22	36	55	57	65
Prudential...	160	3	6	8	14	15	16
(*149)	170	1½	–	–	22	–	–
	180	1	3	4	32	33	34
Racal...	300	18	32	40	17	21	27
(*297)	330	8	19	25	38	43	46
	360	3½	9	14	66	68	71
RTZ...	390	45	60	72	9	16	20
(*415)	420	27	42	57	22	28	33
	460	10	25	37	47	50	57
Vaal Reefs...	70	6	11	13	4½	8	9
($72)	80	3	6⅝	8	12	16	17
	90	1¼	3	–	22	24	–
Tr 12%...	110	⅜	1⅝	–	3⅝	3⅝	–
1995	112	1/16	1/16	–	5⅝	5⅝	–
(*107)	114	1/16	1/16	–	7⅜	7⅜	–
	116	1/16	1/16	–	9⅝	9⅝	–

FT-SE INDEX (*1742)

Series	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1700	55	72	85	102	20	36	45	53
1750	27	45	58	73	42	58	65	77
1800	11	24	35	50	80	82	96	103
1850	4	13	19	35	122	128	131	137
1900	1½	7	12	15	173	183	172	175
1950	1	3	6	—	223	223	220	—
2000	½	2	5	—	273	273	268	—

September 1, 1988 — Totals: 91864 Calls 24167 Puts 27765 — FT-SE: Calls n/a Puts n/a
*Underlying security price.

1988 INTERIM RESULTS — HIGHLIGHTS

Swire Pacific Limited

Results Swire Pacific Limited's profit before extraordinary items for the first half of 1988 was HK$1,361.9 million compared with HK$1,098.3 million in the equivalent period in 1987, representing an increase of 24.0%. Extraordinary profits of HK$385.9 million were recorded (1987: nil). The unaudited consolidated results for the six months ended 30th June 1988 were:

	Six months ended 30th June 1988 HK$M	Six months ended 30th June 1987 HK$M	Year ended 31st December 1987 HK$M
Turnover	11,642.0	9,478.0	20,166.4
Operating profit	2,692.1	2,044.8	4,565.4
Net finance charges	416.0	191.4	458.4
Net operating profit	2,276.1	1,853.4	4,107.0
Share of profits less losses of associated companies	105.1	93.4	178

Meggitt in agreed £33m offer for Microsystems

By Martin Waller

Meggitt Holdings, the specialist engineer, has made an agreed £33 million bid for Microsystems Group, the USM-quoted maker of electronic products such as ticketmachines, taxi meters and telephone logging systems.

Microsystems is a former USM high-flier which has seen profits growth slow because of delays on a big American contract. Its two main shareholders, Mr Roger Harding and Mr Mike Jackson, the former Plessey men who together hold almost 52 per cent of the company, have agreed the deal.

Meggitt is offering six new shares and £6.20 in cash for every five shares in Microsystems. At yesterday's prices, with Meggitt down 3p to 94p, the package was worth almost 237p a share, with Microsystems rising 19p to 232p in reaction.

Mr Ken Coates, managing director of Meggitt, said: "This business has been bought for its current excellent performance, but also for its substantial growth prospects in the future."

At the same time, Meggitt has brought forward its half-year figures to end-June, showing pre-tax profits up from £6.81 million to £8.63 million. The dividend rises from 0.75p to 0.9p. But Mr Coates gave warning of a slowdown in aerospace orders by the Ministry of Defence which would affect the second half and the 1989 performance of its largest division, aerospace and defence.

For this reason Meggitt is looking to expand its industrial business through acquisition. The Microsystems deal is the first evidence of the move.

Mr Coates was particularly enthusiastic about Analytical Instruments, which was bought for £7 million by Microsystems in May 1987. This claims to be the world market leader in devices to detect explosives carried on the person, in baggage and in goods in transit.

The subsidiary has recently won an order from the US Army for equipment which is likely to be used at the entrances to its bases around the world. AI also believes its instruments can detect Semtex, the Czechoslovak explosive used by the IRA.

Microsystems is unlikely this year to beat pre-tax profits of £4.12 million in the year to end-October 1987 because of late payments by an American customer on a £2 million contract for bus ticketmachines.

However, this was unlikely to affect Meggitt's current year figures to end-December, and by next year Microsystems was likely to have resumed its pattern of profits growth, Mr Coates said.

Blackwood Hodge up 36% on US buys

Blackwood Hodge, the specialist earth moving, construction and mining equipment distributor, increased pre-tax profits by 36 per cent to £4.8 million in the six months to June. Turnover rose 40 per cent to £193 million.

The improvement follows a number of takeovers, mainly in North America. Earnings per share rose 19 per cent to 2.19p.

The company is considering an issue of redeemable preference shares to raise £15 million, in order to reduce gearing and to carry out smaller acquisitions.

Mr Roger Pinnington, the chairman, said yesterday: "The performance underlines the benefits of our strategy of acquisitions, particularly in the United States."

Speyhawk buy

Speyhawk has acquired Kings Cross House, in Pentonville Road, N.1, for £43 million – a deal that nets Assetmerit a profit of £9 million in two months. Assetmerit had bought it from Royal Insurance for £34 million.

Ruberoid sale

Ruberoid, the subject of a £119 million bid from Raine Industries, has sold its seven-acre site at Waltham Abbey in Essex for £7 million netting a profit after costs of £4.5 million over book value.

Bond stake up

Bond Corporation Holdings yesterday said in Perth, Australia, that late acceptances had boosted its stake in its takeover target, the Bell Group, to 68.03 per cent under the terms of its Aus$2.70-a-share cash bid which closed on Monday.

Lambert fall

Pre-tax profits at Lambert Howarth, the shoe manufacturer and importer, sharply fell from £680,000 to £51,000 on turnover up 23 per cent to £19.42 million in the six months to July 1.

FAI advance

FAI Insurances, the Australian insurance group, yesterday announced a sharp rise of 50 per cent in net profits from Aus$113.4 million (£53.4 million) to Aus$171.1 million for the year to June 30.

Stat-Plus up

Organic growth drove pre-tax profits ahead at Stat-Plus, the USM-quoted legal and commercial stationer, from £1.75 million to £2.37 million in the six months to end-June.

COMMENT

RHM wins battle but war may not be over

Samuel Montagu's decision to back Goodman Fielder Wattie's bid for Ranks Hovis McDougall, despite the assurance of its parent bank, Midland, to RHM that it would do no such thing, now looks unfortunate. Goodman's withdrawal, following that of Elders IXL in similar circumstances, probably reflects the reluctance of buccaneering groups to have the likes of the Monopolies Commission pore over their finances and motives, regardless of shorter delays. But it may also mark a turning of the tide against the international fashion for hostile, highly-leveraged bids, which can be so lucrative for aggressive banks.

The hostile element is their weak point. Even without an MMC investigation, such bids will usually be long drawn out. The spotlight is bound to shine on financial limitations; and delays or changes in market conditions bring even greater risks. In Goodman's case, its agreement on an interest ceiling would have run out when interest rates are rising.

Britain's remaining food independents may not disappear as fast as once seemed possible. But none of this is likely to be much consolation to RHM. Goodman has the strongest incentive to sell to an alternative bidder since, after costs, it might lose from the whole transaction if its shares had to be placed on a sagging market.

The list of known possible aggressors is long: Allied-Lyons, Grand Metropolitan or Unilever at home. Pillsbury or a tobacco company from the United States, France's aggressive BSN, or any other big food group fixated on Europe after 1992. And RHM's storm-tossed share price gives arbitrageurs plenty of scope to help out. On the surface, it looks as though an old depressing rule might be proved again. Once a strategic stake is assembled by somebody – in this case originally S&W Berisford – the City will eventually drum up some takeover business, however long it takes. In this case, a break-up bid is clearly also a possibility.

That may just underestimate RHM's managing director Stanley Metcalfe and his battle-hardened defence forces. They have not only seen off Goodman, but established their own excellent track record in the City mind at the same time. They are not likely to welcome many possible bidders as a second-best to independence and the Monopolies Commission is also an ever-present threat to many a hostile predator. The trouble is that the RHM share price will evidently look sick in City portofios without a bid and it is hard to see how RHM can create alternative value for shareholders in the short-term in ways that would not fall equally foul of competition rules.

Too much of a good thing

The "flash" estimates for the growth in M0, the Government's target monetary aggregate, underline the difficulties there are in bringing to an end a boom that has gathered as much momentum as this one. Taken together with yesterday afternoon's late dip for sterling, it is clear that the heat remains on for base rates.

M0 seems to have grown by just under 1 per cent last month, for a 12-month rate of 7.7 per cent. The significance of M0 in this context, apart from the fact that it is well above the official 1-to-5 per cent target range and is showing a strong underlying acceleration, is what it tells us about demand in the economy.

In its August *Quarterly Bulletin*, the Bank of England laid stress on the close relationship between M0 and consumer spending. It also picked up on the sensitivity of M0 to interest rate changes, although this seems to have been based on the view that higher interest rates would affect consumer spending relatively quickly. The Treasury, having emphasized the erratic nature of the June data, when M0 was also at 7.7 per cent (it subsequently dipped to 7 per cent in July), will be disappointed by the latest indications. After all, the Chancellor, interviewed in this newspaper in the summer, went out of his way to say that he regarded the M0 target as a serious one.

The official response, of course, is that the rise in interest rates will take time to take effect. But yesterday's evidence suggests that this may mean waiting until well beyond the August figures, including the key trade statistics at the end of the month.

In any case, this response would, perhaps, excuse figures for M0 that simply remained high, but not an accelerating trend. Calculations by Stephen Hannah at County NatWest WoodMac suggest that, after stripping out bankers' balances, which tend to move erratically, the 12-month growth rate of M0 increased from 7.1 in June to 7.8 per cent in August.

Suggestions that the housing market has taken a knock as a result of the mortgage rate increase on August 1, while predictable, are something of a red herring. It is clearly difficult to strip out the effects of the ending of multiple tax reliefs, record new car sales and, probably, record foreign holidays from the data. And the test of the base rate and subsequent mortgage rate increases is not their direct effect on the housing market but the more important knock-on effect on consumer demand. The evidence from M0, to coin a phrase, is that the consumer is still enjoying too much of a good thing.

$36m buy for Ellis & Everard

By Our City Staff

Ellis & Everard has become the sixth largest specialist chemicals distributor in the US with the $36 million (£21.2 million) purchase of United Chemicals.

The British group has in recent years been building up its American business, which saw its profits contribution rise 59 per cent to just under £1 million in the year to April 30. With the latest purchase, the group is likely to see 55 per cent of its sales coming from across the Atlantic, although because of the lower margins there profits will be only 25-30 per cent of the total.

Mr Simon Everard, the chairman, said the acquisition fitted well with the existing US businesses, which are also concentrated in the East. It brought a complementary product range, an increase in the territory covered and significant purchasing advantages.

The deal is being funded by a one-for-two rights issue at 145p to raise around £25.5 million, much of the balance to be injected into United as additional working capital. Ellis & Everard shares fell 14p to 170p on the news.

Imperial Chemicals Industries, a 28 per cent shareholder, has agreed to take up its rights. The balance of the issue has been underwritten.

The group also expects to acquire a private British company for some £4 million-£5 million in the next fortnight.

Thatcher turns on offshore gas network for the 1990s

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

A network of new offshore gas fields, which will provide almost a fifth of Britain's gas needs during the 1990s, was inaugurated by the Prime Minister yesterday.

Mrs Thatcher visited the gas collection centre at Theddlethorpe All Saints on the Lincolnshire coast where gas is coming ashore from the network of V fields – Vulcan 1 and 2, North Valiant 1 and 2, South Valiant and Vanguard – through a new 75-mile pipeline system.

The pipeline, the Lincolnshire Offshore Gas Gathering System (Loggs), is also bringing gas ashore from the existing Audrey, Viking and Victor fields for feeding into the British Gas national grid system and supplying gas condenstate liquids to the Conoco refinery at Killingholme, Humberside.

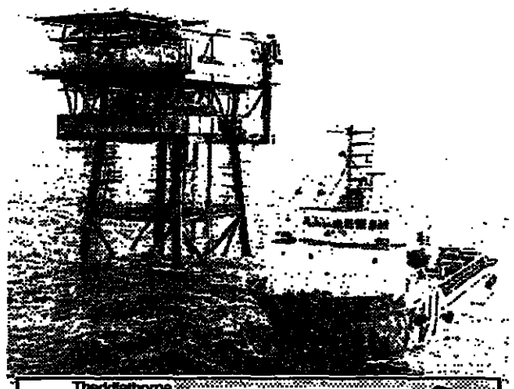
The V fields, which have cost £760 million to develop, are operated by Conoco. Loggs is jointly owned by Conoco and Britoil. Other companies involved in the V fields are Arco, Marathon, Occidental, Shell and Esso.

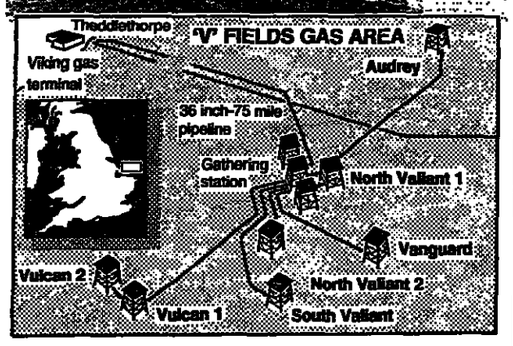
The production platforms will normally be unmanned during operation, with only limited accommodation provided for maintenance crews. The production equipment aboard the platforms is separated from the control equipment by armoured plate steel decks.

The central gas gathering platform is a three-platform structure, one for gas compression, another for production and the third for accommodation. The main shut-off valve equipment for the wells and pipelines are on a separate cellar deck below the gas handling equipment, again separated by armoured plate decks.

Gas production will next month start building up to an initial output of 1.2 billion cubic feet a day. The complex has been designed to eventually produce 2 billion cubic feet a day.

Dr Norman Ellis, Conoco's project director, described the platform designs as "inherently very safe."





New-style Bedford trucks go on show

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Mr David Brown, who revived the near-moribund Bedford trucks operation at Dunstable, Bedfordshire, after buying it from General Motors last year, yesterday wheeled out a new range of five trucks to the applause of more than 500 truck operators and dealers.

Mr Brown, chairman of AWD, the Durham group whose name provides the badge on the new trucks for the British market, also announced a planned 50 per cent boost in production at Dunstable compared with the old Bedford levels.

He said more workers would be recruited and promised a profit – "a small one" – in the plant's first full year under AWD.

A further 60 workers are being recruited for Dunstable which currently employs 1,200.

Production last year totalled 5,500 trucks, expected to rise to 6,500 this year with 8,000 in sight for next year, almost half as much again as was produced in the final year of General Motors' ownership.

Productivity has been raised markedly by investment in new systems, Mr Brown said at the London ceremony.

About £8 million has been invested this year in preparing for the new truck range. AWD plans to sell about a quarter of the 97-acre Dunstable site to raise cash for further vehicle development.

Dunstable's production last year went wholly for export but about 1,000 trucks out of this year's production are expected to be sold in Britain with a target of 3,000 for next year. That would give AWD 5 per cent of a market of which Bedford at one time had rather more than a fifth.

Bedford had been one of the longest-surviving names in commercial vehicles. The first was produced at the beginning of the 1930s. In a surging market this year, with sales of trucks of more than 3.5 tonnes up 15 per cent, Iveco Ford, the market leader, has so far captured almost a quarter share.

Leyland Daf is not far behind with 22.5 per cent.

AWD – the name stems from all wheel drive, the patents on which Mr Brown built his business and fortune – is shaping up to this challenge with a range of trucks based on the TL type produced by General Motors before its withdrawal from the British market in 1986.

Mr Brown is also negotiating with Vauxhall to take over the former Bedford engineering centre at Luton.

Robb to leave Beecham

John Robb became the casualty yesterday of Beecham's top-level reorganization which has been completed with the consumer products division. The former chief executive since November 1985, Robb took on the managing director's job under Robert Bauman when he joined the pharmaceutical-to-Lucozade conglomerate as chairman two years ago this month. Robb, aged 52, is staying with Beecham until he finds a new job. He said that having reached the top and after helping to build and restructure the group, he did not want to sit out the remaining seven or eight years before his retirement. "My role has been diminishing in stimulation and challenge as the full-time executive chairman has got his feet under the desk. The role of managing director has been reduced over time but when you get to the top of a company in a position which might not work out you've got to feel philosophical," he said yesterday. While disappointed at leaving Beecham he said he understood why there had been changes. The new structure consists of two divisional chairmen reporting directly to Robert Bauman. John Hunter is the new chairman of consumer products, with Peter Glynn-Jones as his managing director. The chairman and managing director of Beecham's pharmaceuticals division were announced earlier this year.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Pergamon's baron

Lord Donoughue, the economic guru for two Labour prime ministers who, since June has been working at London and Bishopgate, a global investment management company chaired and 75 per cent owned by Robert Maxwell, has thrown in his lot still further with the media magnate. Yesterday he was appointed a director of Pergamon Professional & Financial Services which, on Wednesday, made an agreed £134 million bid for AGB Research. The baron, who was with Kleinwort Grieveson for six years after a spell at *The Times* in the early 80s, intends to apply his market research experience gained at the Economic Intelligence Unit when the deal goes through. "My friendship with the Maxwell family goes far back to my days in Oxford when I was at Nuffield because they live at Headington Hall," he told me yesterday.

She's is in

The latest buzz word in brand names in Japan is simple enough. It is "She's." The idea has been taken up by Shiseido, which has launched a cosmetic line for women in their twenties; Allstate Insurance is marketing a robbery policy called She's; an eponyomous magazine launched three months ago is selling almost half a million copies; a temp agency has taken up the moniker and a range of home appliances called She's is doing well. Art directors like it because it suggests feminine shapes. The problem is that I would get confused over what I was buying.



"Wereldhavewon."

● **Talk about selling your country strong. David Lange, the New Zealand prime minister, has, I am told, just sent a senior immigration officer to Hong Kong to attempt to persuade up to 1,000 Chinese businessmen to settle there, within the next 12 months. The new arrivals will, no doubt, enjoy the availability of the finest seafood in the world . . . but sweet and sour lamb might be another matter.**

Flying high . . .

You would think that it was time to leave wartime experiences well alone with all the furore over the Republican vice-presidential nominee, Dan Quayle. But Warbird Salvors, an American company which specializes in searching for underwater aircraft wrecks, has organized an expedition to recover the plane that George Bush bailed out of over the Pacific during the Second World War, 44 years ago today. As we have all been reminded recently, the Vice-President was a crew member of a Grunman TBM Avenger torpedo bomber which was set on fire by anti-aircraft, killing one of his fellow crew members; as it was bombing a radio station on the island of Chichijima, then in Japanese hands. Bush continued the attack, while all around was in flames, and succeeded in getting his target. Two years later he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism and courage. The TBM, developed in 1940, was first used in combat at the Battle of the Midway in 1942 and later served the Fleet Air Arm. Warbird has already found an American fighter shot down during Pearl Harbor which had fallen into thick jungle near the barracks made famous in *From Here to Eternity*. So now, I suppose, the moguls will be casting the movie parts, but I should think even staunch Republican 'Ole Blue Eyes, Frank Sinatra, will agree he is maybe a bit old for the role of Young George.

Rosemary Unsworth

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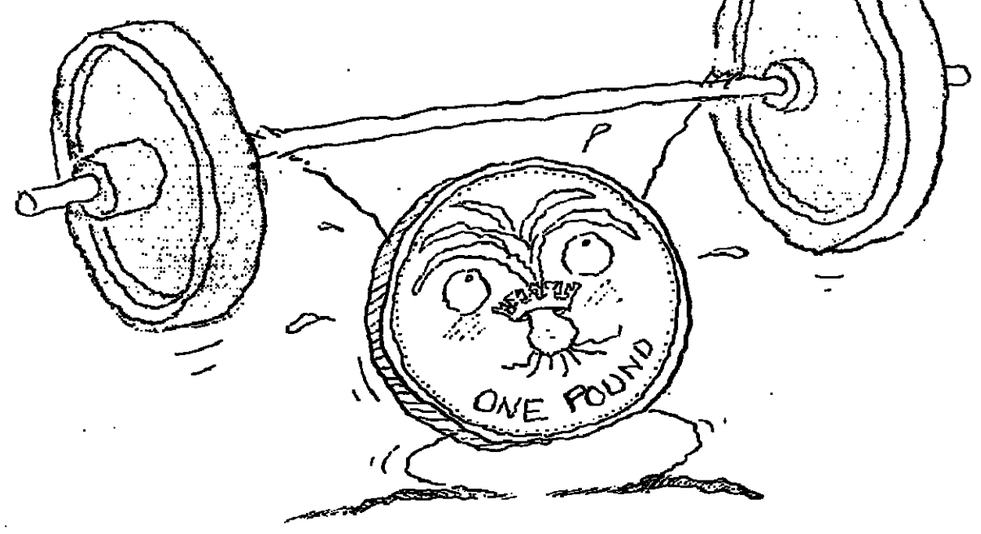
At this year's Personal Investment Marketing Show, Guinness Mahon Unit Trust Managers received the P.I.M.S. Fund Management Group of the Year Award.

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STOCK MARKET

Shares at lowest since February

There was no respite for weary dealers yesterday as a sharp overnight fall in Tokyo and a fresh collapse on Wall Street had share values plummeting to their lowest levels since February.

Widespread concern about worldwide interest rates continued to erode the City's confidence which was shattered last week by the news of the record £2.15 billion British trade deficit in July and the subsequent increase in base lending rates by 1 percentage point to 12 per cent.

Institutions have kept their hands in their pockets, while private investors have again been frightened off, having been reminded of the events of last October by the collapse in share prices which followed last week's bearish economic statistics.

The mood in the Square Mile remains extremely gloomy with analysts adamant that a further increase in interest rates will be needed to arrest the consumer spending boom — or if sterling comes under any further downward pressure.

The atmosphere has not been helped by the price war going on between the big market-makers as they reduce their dealing spreads in an effort to drum up business.

One broker said: "They are banging their heads against a brick wall and cutting their own throats in the process."

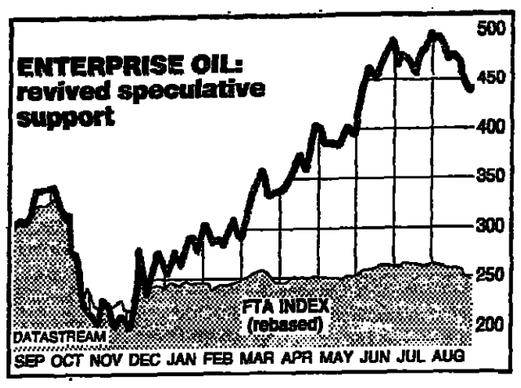
"The system does not work as it is and they are just making things worse. It will all end in tears. Four firms of market-makers are currently in perilous financial positions and so their short-term position in the market must be in jeopardy."

Share prices ended a miserable day, near their lowest levels, with the FT-SE 100-share index closing 23.1 points down at 1,730.5, its lowest level since February 19. The narrower FT 30-share index finished 17.8 points lower at 1,391.6.

Gilts, which have drifted down on dearer money worries, held relatively steady and closed with modest falls of about £⅛.

The oil sector saw some modest buying with Enterprise and London & Scottish Marine Oil (Lasmo) attracting revived speculative support.

Enterprise, the company formed in 1983 through the flotation of oilfield interests previously held by British Gas, closed 2p higher at 439p, after 441p, following a small turnover of about 500,000 shares.



Scottish & Newcastle Breweries lost 4p to 333p to extend their loss this account to more than 50p. The group rejected a merger proposal from Elders IXL, the Australian group, this summer, but word in the market is that Mr John Elliott will return with a hostile offer shortly.

The rise was accompanied by revived bid talk. Enterprise recently boosted its estimated reserves by 40 per cent to 620 million barrels by acquiring a 10 per cent stake in three prospective drilling zones from the Houston-based Texas Eastern. Dealers feel that this deal has made the company even more attractive to a predator.

The favourite to bid for Enterprise is British Gas, headed by Sir Denis Rooke. With net income up from £684 million to £816 million last year, British Gas is known to be in the market for acquisitions which will diversify its energy holdings.

Speculators believe that Enterprise will definitely come under threat from BG when the golden share drawn up to protect the oil producer runs out at the end of the year.

Lasmo holds a 25.3 per cent stake in Enterprise and Mr Chris Greentree, Lasmo's chief executive, has indicated on more than one occasion that he would sell — if the price was right. ICI also holds a 25 per cent stake, but has not shown itself to be a willing seller.

Amstrad moved against the trend and closed 1p up at 202p. Buyers chased the shares on hopes the group will soon launch the 2000 range of 286 and 386 based business computers. This will take the group into the corporate market and provide the perfect prelude to the annual results.

Buyers were also taking an interest in Enterprise ahead of next Thursday's interim results.

Shares of Lasmo moved up 3p to 385p as more than 2 million changed hands. Dealers took the view that the shares have been oversold, while there was also revived talk that RTZ had been approached for its 29.8 per cent holding in the company.

RTZ will be free to sell the stake as a block, without reference to the Lasmo board, from next July.

Next closed a further 7p lower at 202p as Nomura trimmed its current-year pre-tax profit estimate by £5 million to £122 million.

Storehouse, the BHS, Habitat Mothercare and Heal's group, headed by Sir Terence Conran, fell by 6p to 199p after the broker slashed its estimate by £7 million to £120 million.

Sentiment in Storehouse was also affected by fading takeover hopes.

Although Mr Tony Clegg, head of the Mountleigh property group which retained a 2.3 per cent stake in Storehouse after last year's abortive takeover attempt, is now free to bid again, it is thought unlikely that he will.

Geoffrey Foster

TOKYO

Shares hit by dollar strength

(Reuter) — Prices closed lower yesterday but above their lows in subdued afternoon activity after dropping all morning in reaction to an overnight rally by the dollar against the yen. Mr Jeff Bahrenburg, a strategist at Merrill Lynch Japan Inc, said: "The market is still nervous and will continue to trade according to currency rates. If the yen continues to weaken, it will drive interest rates up further and there will be speculation about a discount rate rise."

The Nikkei index fell 431.69 points, or 1.58 per cent, to 26,934.26. It sank by 145.70 points on Wednesday. Falls outnumbered rises by more than seven to one in a thin turnover of 480 million shares against 400 million on Wednesday.

● **Sydney** — The national market drifted off its lows, but still closed sharply weaker as it traded in line with the falling Japanese market. At the close of floor trading, the All-Ordinaries Index was 30.4 points lower at 1,540.2. The Gold Index dropped 47 points to 1,750.3.

● **Frankfurt** — Shares fell across the board in quiet business, undermined by investors' listlessness and the sharp fall in Tokyo overnight. The DAX 30-share index fell 12.37 points or 1 per cent to 1,152.99.

NEW YORK

Dow drops 21 as buyers stay away

(Reuter) — Shares fell further in early trading yesterday amid a lack of buying before the jobs report, which is due out today. Mr Paul Campbell, an investment strategist at Nikko Securities, said an important concern was the sharp drop overnight in Tokyo stocks. Dealers said that they fell on a drop in the yen.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 21 points at 2,010.65 amid a lack of bidding, brokers said. Trading was slow, as it had been all week. Declining issues outnumbered rising ones by almost four to one. Trading was moderate.

Mr Campbell said that, technically, the market looked weak. "After Labour Day, we may get a better handle on the situation."

HONG KONG

Index loses 10 points

(Reuter) — Shares closed slightly easier yesterday but above their lows in thin trading. The Hang Seng index ended 10.48 points down at 2,433.32. The Hong Kong index lost 7.38 points at 1,608.25.

Brokers said that a lack of fresh news prompted traders to follow Tokyo. When Tokyo opened easier, sellers shaved 35 points off the Hang Seng 30 minutes after the opening.

Tokyo later rebounded and bargain-hunters emerged in Hong Kong, starting a modest rally.

WALL STREET

	Aug 31	Aug 30		Aug 31	Aug 30		Aug 31	Aug 30
AMR Cp	42¼	42	Fedders	9¼	9½	Pennzoil	73¼	72¾
ASA	37½	38½	Fst Chicago	32¾	32½	Pepsico	35¾	36
Aetna Life	47¾	47¾	Fst Int Bncp	48¾	50¼	Pfizer	50¾	51
Allied Signal	33¾	33¾	Fst Penn C	12	12¼	Phelps Dod	39¾	40¾
Atlic Chim %		%	FT Wachva	38⅛	38⅝	Philip Mor	91½	91½
Alcoa	50¾	51¼	Ford Motor	49¼	49⅝	Philip Pet	17¼	16⅞
Amax Inc	21¾	21⅝	GAF Cp	48¼	48¼	Pillsbury	35½	35¾
AMR Hess	27½	26¾	GTE Cp	41¼	40⅝	Polaroid	41⅜	41¾
Am Brands	46	46	Gen Cp	21¾	21¾	Primerica	28⅝	28¾
Am Cynmd	47¾	47⅞	Gn Dynam	49¼	49¼	Proct Gble	74¾	74¾
Am Ele Pwr	27½	27½	Gen Electric	40⅝	40⅝	Pub SE Gr	23¼	23¼
Amexs	28⅝	28¼	Gen Inst	29¾	28⅝	R Nabisco	51¾	52
Am Family	11½	12	Gen Mills	49¾	49¾	Raytheon	66	65¾
Am Home	77⅝	78	Gen Motors	72¾	72½	Rymds Metl	52¾	53¼
Am Int Grp	61½	62¾	Gen Pub Ut	34¾	34¾	Rockwell Int	20¾	20½
Am Telph	24¾	25¼	Genesco	5¾	5¾	Royal Dutch	106¾	107½
Amoco Cp	75¼	75¼	Georgia Pac	38¾	33¼	SFE Sopac	19¼	19½
Anheuser B	29½	29¾	Gillette	34½	34	Sara Lee	39¾	39¾
Arch Dan	18½	18¾	Goodrich	53¾	51¾	Schlumb	32¾	33½
Armco Steel	9¾	9¾	Goodyear	59¾	60	Scott Paper	35¾	35¾
Asarco Inc	23¾	23¾	Gould Inc	22½	15	Seagram	53	53
Ashland Oil	35¾	36	Grace Co	24¾	24¾	Sears Roeb	35¾	35¾
Atl Richfld	81¼	82¼	Grt Atl Pac	41¾	42¼	Sec Pac	35¾	36¼
Avon Prod	23¾	23¾	Greyhnd	31¾	31¾	Shell Trans	67½	68
Bk Boston	27¾	27¾	Grumen	22¼	22½	Smith Beck	45¾	45¾
Bank NY	34¾	34½	Gulf Westn	40¾	40¾	Sony Cp	48	49¾
Bankamer	13¾	14	Heinz	43	42¾	SW Bell	37¾	37¾
Bkrs Tst NY	37¼	37½	Hercules	44¾	45½	Squibb	61	61¾
Baxter	20½	20¾	Hewlett Pk	46½	47¾	Sun Comp	57¾	57
Beth Steel	21¾	20¾	Honeywell	58¾	59¼	TDK	70½	72¾
Boeing	59	59½	IC Ind	34¼	34¾	TRW Inc	42¼	42
Boise Case	42	42½	ITT Cp	48¾	48	Teledyne	324¾	326
Borden	52	52½	INCO	29½	30	Tenneco	47¾	47¾
Brist Meyr	42¾	42¾	Ing Rand Wl	38¼	38¾	Texaco	45¾	45¾
BP	48¼	49¼	Inland Steel	37¾	37¼	Tex Eastn	25¼	25¾
Brunswick	19¾	19¾	IBM	111¾	112¾	Texas Inst	40¾	40¾
Burl Nth	67¾	67¾	Int Paper	44¾	44¾	Tex Util	28¾	28¼
CBS	180¾	180	Irving Bk	68¾	69	Textron	25¾	25¾
Cms Engy	21¼	21¼	Jhsn & Jhsn	81	80¾	Travelers	33½	33¾
CPC Int	47¼	47	K Mart	32¾	32¼	UAL Cp	88¾	88¾
CSX Cp	25¾	25¾	Kaisertech	18¾	18¾	USG Cp	7¼	7
Camp Soup	27	27½	Kerr McGee	39	38	USX Cp	28¾	28
Can Pacific	16¾	16¾	Kimbrly Clrk	57¾	57¾	Unilever Plc	29¾	29¾
Caterpillar	55¼	56½	Kraft	55¾	55¾	Un Carbide	22¾	22½
Centrl SW	31¼	31½	Kroger	36¾	36¾	Un Pac Cp	57¾	57¾
Champion	32¾	32¼	LTV Cp	3¾	3¼	Unisys Cp	32	32¼
Chase Man	28¾	28¼	Litton	73	72¾	Unit Brand	17¾	17¾
Chem Bank	32	31½	Lockheed	39¾	40½	Us West	54½	54¾
Chevron	44½	44½	Lone Star	30½	30½	Utd Tech	39¾	39¾
Chrysler	22¾	22¾	Man H'nver	29¾	29¾	Unocal	36¾	35¾
Citicorp	23¾	24¼	Manville	2	2	Warn Lamb	73½	71¾
Clark Eq	28½	29½	Mapco	55¼	56¼	Wells Far	61½	62¾
Coca Cola	40	40¾	Marriott	27	27	Westg El	50¾	50½
Colgate	42½	43	Mt Merrieta	39	39½	Weyerhr	24¾	24¾
Columb Gas	34	34	Masco Cp	24¼	24½	Whirlpool	24¾	24¾
Cmb'tn Eng	33	33½	Mcdonalds	43½	43¼	Woolworth	49¾	49¼
Cmwlth Edi	30	30	McDonnell	62	62¾	Xerox Cp	53¾	53¼
'Cons Edis	42¼	43	Mead Cp	40¾	41	Zenith	21¼	21½
Consol Ng	37½	37¼	Merck	54¼	55¾			
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Corning Gl	57¾	58½	Mobil	43¾	43¾			
Crane	29¼	29¾	Monsanto	82¾	82¾	Agnico Eag	15¾	15¾
Curtiss W	49½	49¾	Morrisdson	12¾	13¼	Alcan Alum	37¾	37¾
Data Gent	17¾	18½	Morgan Jp	36¾	36¾	Algoma Stl	26	26
Deere Co	43	43½	Motorola	42	43	Can Pacific	20¾	21
Delta Airl	46½	47	NCR	55¾	56	Cominco	18¾	18¾
Detroit Edi	14¾	14¾	NL Indstrs	6¾	6¾	Con Bathrst	15	15
Digital Eq	92¾	94½	Nat Md Ent	19¾	19¾	Hawk S Can	22¾	23½
Disney	62¾	62¾	Nat Semi	9¼	9¼	Hud Bay M	18¾	18¾
Dow Chem	83¾	84¼	Norfolk Sth	27¾	27½	Imasco	25¼	25¼
Dresser Ind	30¾	31¼	NW Bancrp	33¾	34¼	Imperial Oil	53½	53¾
Dupont	79¾	80¾	Ocdd Petl	26½	26½	Inco	36½	37¼
Duke Pwr	43¾	43¾	Ogden Cp	27¼	27¾	Royl Trstco	15½	15½
East Kodak	43	43¼	Olin Cp	47¾	45¾	Seagram	65¾	65¾
Eaton Cp	73	73½	PPG Ind	41¾	42¾	Shelco 'A'	23	23½
Emerson El	28¾	28¾	Pac Emerg	44¾	44¾	Thmsn N 'A'	26½	26¾
Emery Air	4¼	4¼	Pac Gas El	16¾	16¾	Varity Cp	3.50	3.45
Exxon	46¾	46¾	Pan Am	2¾	2¾	WCT	16¾	16¾
Farah Inc	10¾	10¼	Penney JC	46¼	48¾	Weston	32¼	32¾

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Sales	£1,063m	+13.9%
Trading Profit	£89.2m	+34.3%
Pre-tax Profit	£81.7m	+28.5%
Earnings per Share	8.97p	+29.8%
Dividend per Share	2.40p	+14.3%

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3	Western Selection	Electricals	
4	Jacks (Wm)	Motors,Aircraft	
5	Price	Electricals	
6	Coalite	Chemicals,Plas	
7	Hunting Group	Industrials E-K	
8	Taylor Woodrow (aa)	Building,Roads	
9	Alba	Electricals	
10	Jerome (S)	Textiles	
11	Jones & Shipman	Industrials E-K	
12	MIL Research	Paper,Print,Adv	
13	Banro	Industrials A-D	
14	Chemring	Industrials A-D	
15	Estates Gen	Property	
16	Bellwinch	Building,Roads	
17	Hunterprint	Paper,Print,Adv	
18	Joseph (Leopold)	Banks,Discount	
19	Ransome Sims	Industrials L-R	
20	Nurdin & Peacock	Foods	
21	Johnston	Industrials E-K	
22	Wilkes (James)	Industrials S-Z	
23	Nobo Gp	Industrials L-R	
24	Bristol	Newspapers,Pub	
25	Juliana's Hldgs	Leisure	
26	Medminster	Leisure	
27	Mitel	Electricals	
28	Bowater	Industrials A-D	
29	Chesterfield	Property	
30	Electronic Mach	Electricals	
31	Wood (Arthur)	Industrials S-Z	
32	Gt Western Res	Oil,Gas	
33	Prowting	Building,Roads	
34	Quest Automation	Electricals	
35	Ford Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
36	Cussons	Property	
37	Bank Of Ireland	Banks,Discount	
38	Shield Gp	Property	
39	Brown Shipley	Banks,Discount	
40	Radiant Metal	Industrials L-R	
41	Yale & Valor	Industrials S-Z	
42	Low & Bonar	Industrials L-R	
43	Dunhill	Drapery,Stores	
44	Hewitt (J)	Industrials E-K	

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SHORTS (Under Five Years)

100⅝	99	Treas 9¾%	1989	99	..	9.53	11.855
102⅜	99⅛	Treas 11¼%	1989	99⅛	..	11.5	11.708
102¾	99⅜	Treas 10½%	1989	99⅜	..	10.5	11.567
102	98⅛	Exch 10%	1989	98⅛	..	10.1	11.040
104⅜	99⅜	Exch 10¾%	1989	99⅜	..	10.3	11.035
103⅞	94⅛	Exch 11%	1989	99⅛	● ..	10.7	11.345
97⅛	94⅛	Treas 5%	1986-89	94⅛	● ..	5.2	10.194
101⅛	98⅜	Treas C 9¾%	1989	98⅜	..	9.52	11.588
97⅝	95⅛	Treas 8%	1990	96	..	8.31	11.926
102⅜	96	Treas 8%	1990	96	..	8.33	10.398
107⅛	102⅛	Treas 13%	1990	102⅝	..	12.8	10.842
104⅛	100¾	Exch 11%	1990	100¾	..	10.9	10.798
107⅜	102¾	Exch 12¾%	1990	102⅝	● ..	12.2	10.911
93⅞	90⅝	Treas 9%	1990	90⅝	..	3.31	9.143
99⅛	95⅛	Treas 8¾%	1987-90	95⅝	..	8.6	10.679
103⅝	98⅛	Treas 10%	1990	98⅛	..	10.1	10.831
91⅜	87⅛	Exch 2½%	1991	87⅛	¼ ..	2.8	8.808
105⅛	98⅛	Treas C 10%	1991	98⅛	..	10.1	10.883
107⅛	101⅛	Treas 11¼%	1991	101⅛	..	11.5	10.804
95⅛	80⅜	Fund 5½%	1987-91	90⅜	..	6.3	10.136
107⅛	100¼	Exch 11%	1991	100⅜	..	10.9	10.680
90⅜	86⅛	Treas 8%	1991	92⅛	..	3.47	8.708
98⅛	92⅛	Treas 8%	1991	92⅛	..	8.62	10.658
113⅛	106	Treas 12¾%	1992	106¾	..	12.0	10.568
104⅝	98⅛	Treas 10%	1992	98⅝	..	10.1	10.521
104⅝	98⅛	Treas C10½%	1992	98⅝	..	10.1	10.588
86⅜	82⅜	Treas 8%	1992	82⅜	¼ ..	3.6	8.601
98⅛	92⅛	Treas 8%	1992	92⅛	¼ ..	8.6	10.571
112⅜	105⅜	Exch 12¼%	1992	106¾	● ..	11.6	10.609
117⅛	109⅜	Exch 13½%	1992	109⅜	● ..	..	..

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97⅛	92	Treas 8¾%	1993	92	..	8.96	10.516
105⅝	98⅛	Treas 10%	1993	98⅛	..	10.1	10.496
115⅝	107⅞	Treas 12¾%	1993	107⅞	..	11.8	10.495
93	88⅛	Fund 6%	1993	88⅛	● ..	6.8	9.053
121⅜	112⅜	Treas 13¾%	1993	112⅜	⅜	12.2	10.558
101⅛	91⅛	Treas 8¾%	1994	91⅛	..	9.2	10.491
125⅛	116⅛	Treas 14¾%	1994	116⅛	..	12.7	10.536
115⅝	106⅝	Exch 12¾%	1994	106⅝	..	11.6	10.618
120⅛	111⅛	Exch 13½%	1994	111⅛	..	12.0	10.640
101⅜	94	Treas 9%	1994	94⅛	..	9.5	10.304
105⅛	98⅛	Treas 10%	1994	98⅛	..	10.1	10.396
114⅛	106⅝	Treas 12%	1995	106⅝	..	11.2	10.600
83⅞	78⅛	Gas 3%	1990-95	81½	..	3.71	8.620
106⅝	99	Exch 10¾%	1995	99⅛	..	10.3	10.439
120⅛	111⅛	Treas 12¾%	1995	111⅝	..	11.4	10.475
125⅝	117	Treas 13%	1995	117	..	11.9	10.612
101⅛	93⅞	Treas 9%	1992-96	93⅝	●⅛ ..	9.6	10.231
133⅛	124⅛	Treas 15¼%	1996	124⅝	⅛ ..	12.2	10.585
129⅝	114⅜	Exch 13½%	1996	124⅝	⅛ ..	11.5	10.486
105⅞	97⅞	Exch 10%	1996	97⅞	⅛ ..	10.2	10.395
124⅛	115⅝	Treas 13%	1997	115⅝	⅛ ..	11.4	10.450
108⅝	97⅛	Exch 10½%	1997	100⅛	⅛ ..	10.4	10.389
98⅞	91⅛	Exch 8½%	1997	91⅛	⅛ ..	8.3	10.317
134⅛	125⅞	Exch 15%	1997	125⅞	⅛ ..	11.9	10.577
87⅛	81⅞	Treas 9¼%	1998-98	81⅞	⅛ ..	8.1	9.540
104	96¾	Exch 9¾%	1998	96⅜	⅛ ..	10.0	10.515
140⅝	124⅝	Treas 15¾%	1998	138⅝	⅛ ..	11.8	10.485
118⅛	109⅛	Exch 12%	1998	109⅛	⅛ ..	10.5	10.385
103⅛	96⅝	Treas 9¾%	1999	96⅝	⅛ ..	9.8	10.077
120⅛	111⅜	Exch 12¾%	1999	111⅜	⅛ ..	10.9	10.378
109⅜	101⅛	Treas 10¾%	1999	101⅜	⅛ ..	10.3	10.368
107⅞	99⅜	Conv 10¾%	1999	100	⅛ ..	10.2	10.344
105⅛	96⅝	Treas 9¾%	2000	97⅛	⅛ ..	9.4	10.005
126⅝	117⅞	Treas 13%	2000	117⅞	⅛ ..	11.0	10.349
99⅛	93	Conv 9%	2000	93⅜	⅛ ..	9.0	10.101
106⅝	99⅛	Treas 10¾%	2001	99⅛	⅛ ..	10.0	10.056
104¾	97⅞	Conv 9¾%	2001	97⅛	⅛ ..	9.4	10.044
129⅜	120⅝	Treas 14%	1998	120⅝	⅛ ..	11.6	10.544
99⅛	92⅝	Exch 9%	2002	93	⅛ ..	9.6	9.820
107	99⅝	Conv 10%	2002	100⅛	⅛ ..	10.0	10.023
109⅛	101⅝	Conv 10¾%	2002	101⅝	⅛ ..	10.9	10.391
105⅝	98⅛	Treas 9¾%	2002	98⅛	⅛ ..	..	..

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100⅛	100⅛	Treas 10%	2003	100⅛	● ..	9.9	9.928
131½	122⅝	Treas 13¾%	2000	122⅝	● ..	11.2	10.398
117⅜	109⅜	Treas 11¾%	2001	109¼	● ..	10.5	10.190
109	101⅛	Treas 10%	2004	101⅛	..	9.9	9.873
56⅝	54⅜	Fund 3¾%	1999	57	..	5.08	8.396
104⅛	97⅛	Conv 9¾%	2004	97⅛	..	9.7	9.767
104⅛	98	Conv 9¾%	2005	98	..	9.8	9.743
113¾	105⅞	Exch 10¾%	2005	106⅜	● ⅛	9.8	9.732
127¼	119⅜	Treas 12%	2003	119⅜	● ⅛	10.2	9.633
98	93	Treas 9¾%	2006	100⅜	..	9.7	9.663
106⅝	98¼	Conv 9¾%	2006	113⅜	⅛	10.0	10.004
101⅛	96⅝	Treas 11¾%	2003	113⅜	⅛	9.3	9.535
97	89⅝	Treas 8¾%	2007	127⅛	⅛	10.5	9.974
137¼	127⅝	Treas 13½%	1999	127⅝	● ⅛	9.4	9.496
101⅛	95⅞	Treas 9%	2008	95⅞	● ..	9.2	9.479
92⅛	85	Treas 8%	2009	88⅝	● ..	9.4	9.369
101⅛	92⅛	Conv 9%	2011	98⅜	● ..	9.1	9.299
89⅛	82⅛	Treas 8%	2012-15	94½	⅛	9.1	9.361
130⅛	121⅛	Exch 12%	2013-17	124⅝	⅛	9.6	9.445

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44⅝	41	Consols	3½%	42⅝	..	9.9	
39⅜	37⅛	War Ln	3½%	37⅝	● ..	9.2	
53¾	49⅝	Conv	3½%	50⅝	● ..	9.8	
33⅜	31⅞	Treas	3%	31⅞	● ..	9.5	
28⅜	26⅛	Consols	2½%	26⅝	● ..	9.6	
28⅛	26	Treas	2½%	26⅝	..	..	

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121½	117½	Treas IL 2½%	1990	120⅝	..	..	..
103	99	Treas IL 2½%	1992	101⅝	⅛ ..	..	..
95⅛	93	Treas IL 2½%	1996	93	..	..	..
139⅜	127⅞	Treas IL 2½%	1998	136⅝	..	..	..
114⅛	103⅝	Treas IL 2½%	2001	112⅝	..	..	..
111⅛	101⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2003	110	..	..	..
113⅛	110	Treas IL 2½%	2006	111⅛	..	..	..
105⅜	95⅞	Treas IL 2½%	2011	104⅝	..	..	..
109⅛	99⅝	Treas IL 2½%	2013	106⅝	..	..	..
91⅛	82⅞	Treas IL 2½%	2013	89⅛	..	..	..
99⅛	89⅞	Treas IL 2½%	2016	96⅛	..	..	..
96⅜	87⅜	Treas IL 2½%	2020	94⅛	..	..	..
81⅛	73	Treas IL 2½%	2024	79	..	..	..

BANKS, DISCOUNT HP

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Price Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
281	200	Allied Irish	260	265	..	17	2.6	8.7
212	155	Anglo Lsbnsky	180	182	..	27	3.3	35.0
90	64	Antibanco (Rainy)	86	89	..	..	..	..
243	124	Aus New Z	225	229	r -7	..	..	..
⅝	5⅛	Bankworks	5⅛	..	..	..	..	..
266	184	Bank of Ireland	257	262	● ..	..	..	..
18½	15	Bank Leumi Israel	17	20	..	16.8	4.8	11.5
359	305	Bank Leumi UK	340	350	● -5	27.9	7.1	10.2
369	305	Bank Of Scotland	334	336	..	16.3	4.7	8.5
465	345	Bank Of Wales	395	399	-5	27.9	7.1	10.2
463	302	Barclays (ss)	399	403	-2	33	7.9	12.3
384	289	Barnett Stpley	340	350	-2	14.9	4.9	13.1
77	47	Bus Mortgage	62	65	..	20.0	8.6	12.0
384	340	Cater Allen	365	370	..	3.7	3.7	15.2
71	54	Cater	17½	..	..	..	..	..
17⅜	11⅛	Cresc Manhattan	16½	..	..	..	..	..
14⅞	8¼	Citicorp	12½	13	-½	6.2	3.5	21.9
200	162	Close Bros	172	182	-9	..	..	..
77½	66⅛	Commercial Bank	72½	..	..	..	..	..
154⅞	114⅝	Deutsche Bank	114½	..	..	..	..	..
39	24	Equity & Gen	39	43	-1	12.5	6.5	6.6
276	203	First Nat Finance	263	268	..	35	9.7	8.7
74	58	GRE	70	72	..	24.9	9.8	14.5
340	265	Gerrard Nat	320	330	..	..	..	..
123	90	Gimmels Maton	120	122	..	12.0	5.5	8.9
285	216	Hambros	270	280	-1	33	7.3	..
285	215	Hill Samuel	265	275	-5	17.8	4.6	17.6
469	413	Hoare (Leopold)	415	425	● -5	27.5	6.5	13.7
418	336	King & Shaxson	393	403	-4	17.8	4.4	8.4
407	321	Klienwort Benson	393	403	..	18.8	4.7	4.9
317	238	Lloyds Intl	288	298	● -2½	25	8.4	11.9
57	46	Lon Scot Bk	47	49	..	2.6	5.3	5.1
448	370	Midland (ss)	387	390	● -7	28.6	7.3	9.2
254	206	Morgan Grenfell	238	242	-4	14.9	6.2	25.9
284	236	Nat Aust Bk	268	272	..	..	..	..
1⅝	1	Nat West (ss)	1⅝	1¾	..	20.7	6.4	9.2
268	214	Rothschild	253	263	..	8.3	6.4	14.5
111	75	Rea Bros	78	..	..	..	..	..

BREWERIES

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Price Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
441	292	Allied Lyons (aa)	297	298	-1	17.3	4.5	11.6
867	736	Bass (aa)	787	789	-14	36.9	3.5	11.9
65	42	Belhaven	48	50	-1	2.9	4.9	19.1
175	132	Boddington	134	139	-4	5.4	3.9	14.2
202	145	Buckleys	155	165	..	4.4	2.8	49.4
195	147	Bulmer (H P)	150	158	● -1	8.2	5.5	9.9
151	120	Burtonwood Brew	130	136	-2	7.2	5.5	10.6
388	328	Clark (Matthew)	365	370	● -2	14.7	4.0	10.1
351	296	Devenish (JA)	342	350	..	16.8	4.8	13.7
246	179	Greenall Whitley	224	228	-4	10.7	4.7	12.9
494	436	Greene King	484	494	..	22	4.5	10.6
350	277	Gunness (ss)	324	328	..	12.6	3.9	10.9
1040	880	Manns & Hanson	1020	1040	..	36.8	3.6	14.3
137	78	Highland Dist	110	115	-1	3.5	3.1	18.3
306	158	Invergordon Dist	300	306	..	7.9	2.6	17.2
328	155	Irish Dist	318	320	..	..	..	..
187	116	Marston Thompson	184	186	..	3.9	2.7	16.2
187	116	Morland	184	186	..	10.9	5.9	9.1
286	236	SA Breweries	280	282	..	..	..	..
308	238	Scot & Nwc (aa)	302	304	● ..	..	..	..
321	270	Vaux Group	316	318	-2	21.6	6.8	7.2
317	271	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	314	316	-14	14.1	4.5	21.1
408	324	Do 'B'	405	411	-3	19.2	4.7	15.3
434	351	Wolverhampton & D	405	411	-3	8.2	2.0	17.3
530	345	Young 'A'	505	525	..	12.3	2.4	30.1

BUILDING, ROADS

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Price Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
273	220	Abbey	217	227	● -6	..	..	..
456	315	Amec	330	334	-14	19.3	5.8	8.4
153	85	Anglo Sec	98	105	-10	1.9	1.8	23.1
54	36	Arnold Const	42	45	● -1	1.3	3.0	19.1
208	90	Arndale	156	166	● -1	5.3	3.4	9.9
292	245	Ashtead	265	275	-5	10.3	3.8	15.2
316	246	BPB Ind (aa)	283	285	-5	11.3	4.0	9.3
320	240	Baggeridge Brick	267	277	-5	5.8	2.1	18.2
86	53	Bailey (Nen) Constr	79	82	-3	1.9	2.3	16.8
176	165	Barratt Dev	164	166	-7	12.6	7.6	10.9
272	187	Beazer	255	257	-7	12.2	4.8	10.7
113	85	Bellwinch	87	92	..	2.8	3.2	13.1
384	258	Berkeley Gp	278	285	+1	4.7	1.7	18.8
322	210	Bett Bros	260	268	-5	6.9	2.6	20.4
480	330	BPB Ind (aa)	350	400	-5	24.9	6.2	20.4
474	408	Blue Circle (aa)	411	413	-4	29.6	7.2	9.6
390	318	Bovis (Henry)	375	385	-5	19.5	5.1	9.0
295	167	Brewin PLC	226	245	-4	6.7	2.7	31.5
270	110	Br Dredging	170	177	-4	4.3	2.4	17.3
157	117	Bryant	117	120	-4	4.4	3.7	14.1
166	112	CALA	146	150	..	3.2	2.2	14.4
144	118	Cals	142	144	..	..	..	..
155	104	Caledonian Robey	152	156	-4	5.1	4.0	22.0
355	259	Carston	318	328	..	10.7	3.3	12.1
149	98	Church Charles	96	100	-4	1.3	1.3	10.7
290	195	Conder Gro	265	269	-1	7.5	2.8	11.5
177	112	Costain PLC	158	160	-4	7.4	4.7	11.4
336	258	Costain	328	330	-4	13.2	4.0	11.4
317	280	Countryside	288	298	● -11	3.6	1.2	12.9
144	118	Crest Nicholson	137	139	● -6	8.3	6.0	9.6
126	73	Crosby James	107	113	-2	2.5	2.2	7.7
265	222	Douglas (Hld)	225	230	● -2	5.7b	2.1	21.8
41	23	Edmond Hdgs	34½	36½	-1½	1.1	3.1	18.7
185	78	Erith	80	95	-2	4.4	4.7	12.6
275	215	Fairclough Hdg	262	267	-7	7.7	2.9	10.7
98	75	Fallon Gp	83	87	● -3	2.6	3.1	9.5
78	60	Galliford	68	70	..	3.8	5.7	9.6
34	21	European Colour	25	28	..	..	..	..
152	102	Evode	150	156	-2	6.2	3.7	13.9
275	208	Fosseco	265	270	-4	14.5	5.4	10.3
263	206	Hattersley (James)	250	260	-4	9.7	4.2	12.9
251	136	Hickson	197	200	● -10	8.3	4.2	12.9
98	78½	Hoecast OM50	99½	..	..	..	..	..
11⅝	947	Imp Cmcls Ind (aa)	996	996	● -3½	57.3	5.8	8.4
439	350	Laporte (aa)	388	393	● -10	16.4	4.1	12.3
257	157	Lilpa	257	267	● -10	7.5	3.7	16.8
19⅝	11½	Marsh Hydro	17½	..	..	..	..	..
183	131	Pipex	167	172	-9	3.1	1.8	19.4
265	205	Redpath Hdgs	270	280	..	5.2	2.0	26.3
173	143	Rentokil	168	211	..	4.7	2.2	18.5
172	118	Sackville Speciman	117	124	..	2.7	2.2	14.8
320	270	Staveley Ind	308	312	-4	19.4	6.1	9.6
275	213	Yorkshire Chem	221	225	● -1	10.7	4.8	9.8
141	108	Yuta Conv	118	123	-4	4.1	3.4	13.9

Cinemas, TV stocks have now been incorporated under Leisure

DRAPERY, STORES

403	337	Alexon	357	362	-2	10.7	3.0	11.3
78	21	Amber Day	54	56	..	..	..	..
94	63	Appleystorm 'A'	91	95	..	4.1	6.5	11.5
136	100	Ashley (Laura)	99	101	-3	4.6	4.6	9.3
1⅜	⅞	Austin Reed	3½	3½	..	11.6	3.1	20.6
181	118	Baxter (James) 'A'	135	140	-3	3.8	2.7	12.5
262	149	Bentalls	163	166	● -4	4.3	2.6	24.2
2¼	1¼	Blacks Leis	1⅝	1¾	● ..	5.1	3.1	5.0
643	230	Body Shop	595	615	-4	2.4	0.4	60.6
98	65	Bremner	72	77	..	1.0	1.3	58.0
54	33	Brown & Jackson	42	43	-2	1.7	4.1	9.2
250	215	Brown (N)	232	237	-3	9.2	3.9	10.6
265	185	Burton (M)	187	189	● -3	10.4	5.3	24.9
428	415	Church	415	425	-10	16.9	4.0	7.1
282	206	Combe Vivella (ss)	265	270	-5	11.9	4.4	11.6
208	158	Dawis (Fumi) 'A'	158	165	..	..	..	..
570	400	DAKS Simpson 'A'	505	525	-10	12.6	2.5	11.7
54	41	Dewhirst (J)	47	50	-1	3.1	6.5	9.2
217	148	Dingwall Gp (aa)	146	150	-2	3.7	2.5	14.1
228	154	Dorothy Perkins	207	215	-5½	9.7	4.5	15.9
97	56	Edie & Goldstein	92	94	-2	3.4	3.6	11.4
749	465	Empire Stores (Wolverhampton)	705	715	-10	18.0	2.5	20.8
292	204	Empire Stores	282	284	-2	7.2	2.5	25.5
298	201	Fenn	198	208	-5	6.2	3.0	13.9
263	206	Fine Art Dev	258	262	-2	7.2	2.7	12.9
340	270	Formecster	315	325	-5	8.3	2.6	9.3
76	50	Gent SR	61	63	-1	1.6	2.5	18.2
331	168	Goldberg (A)	215	219	-4	2.3	1.1	34.7
17⅛	15½	GUS	15½	15⅝	..	38.0	2.4	10.2
11½	9⅜	Do 'A' (aa)	10	10½	..	38.0	2.4	10.2
45	37½	Hilsane Plc	40	42	..	2.2	5.5	10.4
272	165	Hogg Robinson plc	165	168	..	6.0	3.6	14.0
69	57	Holset	57	59	-1	3.3	5.6	10.4
212	175	House Of Lerose	180	190	-2	13.3	7.2	10.7
97	59	Laskie Wise Gp	81	83	-1	3.7	4.7	9.5
11⅝	10⅛	Liberty	11½	11⅝	-½	1.5	1.3	14.3
190	150½	Marks Spencer (aa)	150	151	-½	6.5	4.3	10.1
286	202	Menzies (Johnn)	202	204	-14	8.6	2.6	20.1
291	208	Moss Bros	215	225	+17	..	..	27.5
298	201	Next (aa)	198	200	-8	8.4	4.2	9.7
165	140	Oliver (S)	140	142	-20	12.1	8.5	8.3
274	208	Peakes	208	210	-4	5.5	2.6	13.6
274	208	Ramsay Group	208	210	-4	5.5	2.6	13.6
116	90	S & U Stores	90	92	-2	6.1	6.5	8.5
145	114	Sears (aa)	127	129	-2	6.1	4.7	13.6
257	207	Smith (WH) 'A' (aa)	229	231	-2	12.0	4.7	10.7
335	203	Sock Shop	195	198	-4	1.1	0.4	44.4
159	98	Stead & Simpson 'A'	106	108	-1	6.1	5.6	8.3
250	195	Stonehouse (aa)	195	198	-2	11.7	5.9	10.2
15½	10⅝	Storehouse	12	12½	..	..	..	..
162	120	T & S Stores	155	175	..	2.9	1.7	17.8
290	200	Tesco	283	285	-2	6.2	2.2	17.4
151	94	Tie Rack	133	135	-3	1.7	1.3	17.4
245	153	Time Products	208	208	-6	6.1	3.0	15.0
146	86	Underwoods	93	95	-6	3.6	3.8	9.5
161	98	Wade	95	98	-6	3.6	3.7	8.8
341	245	Ward White	245	248	-10	4.9	2.0	18.6
265	203	Wedkes	208	210	..	1.8	0.9	18.6
223	160	Wilding Office	203	205	-5	4.7	2.3	30.0
307	232	Woolworth (aa)	288	293	-4	12.3	4.2	9.4

ELECTRICALS

440	340	AB Elect	400	410	-1	18.5	4.6	17.0
111	87	ABB Kent	72	76	..	..	..	..
173	87	Admiral Comp	131	136	-2	4.0	3.0	18.7
145	88	Alba	123

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
Tel: 0345 717373 (Lines)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed	109.2	115.9p	+2.0	8.63
Hi Inc Equity	114.1	121.2	+1.1	4.29
Worldwide Gd	191.7	203.2p	+0.2	4.77
American Gth	151.3	160.5	..	1.35
Asian Pacific	66.80	73.59	+1.80	1.44
Atlantic & Centl	138.2	147.0	+1.0	1.34
Capital Res	78.62	79.73	-0.85	3.76
Comm Energy	91.49	97.86	-4.85	1.15
Euro Capital	70.85	75.57	-1.31	2.50
General	153.0	162.7p	-2.4	2.77
Japan	86.16	94.26	-2.61	0.00
UK Gth Inc	124.0	131.9	-0.13	3.14
Do Acc	182.9	194.5	-1.3	1.51
US Emerg Co	44.03	46.83	+0.16	0.00
Income Gth	246.3	262.0	-2.8	3.63
Master Acc	70.67	75.59	-1.31	2.50
Americas Inc	45.14	48.56p	+0.04	5.88
Extrcal Tst	42.82	45.56	-0.36	2.74

ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ
Tel: 0224 632070
Salisbury House 29, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QD Tel: 01-374 6801 dealing (Freephone) 0800 833588

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	40.76	43.39	+0.97	2.09
Australian	23.20	24.76p	-0.53	1.39
Eastern	44.31	47.31	-0.07	0.00
Extra Inc	38.93	39.21p	-0.23	5.46
Fund Invest	95.47	101.4	-0.68	1.02
Do Acc	144.9	153.7	-1.0	1.02
Gt/Fxd Interest	22.27	23.69p	-0.23	10.07
Global Income	34.75	37.01	-0.13	5.25
Income Growth	83.48	87.51	-0.63	4.45
Japan Gen	157.4	167.4p	-2.2	0.91
N Amer Inc	25.98	27.57	+0.06	3.29
Special Sits	91.01	64.91	-0.65	1.25
UK Growth	38.57	42.55	-0.44	2.84
World Gth	38.29	40.84	-0.42	1.18

AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD
497, St. Johns Street London EC1V 4QE Tel: 01-837 8494

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Euro Gth Acc	105.7	113.3p	-0.3	1.07
Exempt	378.3	398.1p	-3.9	4.77
Far Eastern	210.3	224.9p	-2.5	0.00
Fin & Prop	78.00	80.48p	+0.62	2.51
Hi Yield	74.78	79.30	-0.46	7.15
Income & Gth	39.51	313.3p	-6.1	4.47
Intl Earnings	173.4	183.8	-1.9	3.01
Int Gth Inc	86.70	91.36	-1.05	0.24
Japan Gth Acc	142.7	157.2	-2.5	0.00
N Amer Gth Inc	113.7	122.9	-1.4	0.00
Preference Inc	133.3	141.2	-0.1	8.62
Smi Co Div Inc	91.60	96.95	-0.50	4.59
Smi Co Gth	277.9	308.6p	-3.6	1.54
Special Sits	42.18	44.82	-0.3	1.92
UK Growth	356.3	377.5p	-3.4	3.43

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
Tel: 0793 3697 (Dealings)793 513099
0800 Tel: 01-283 7500 Dealing: 0800 289 490

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Inc	164.2	174.6	-1.4	4.47
High Yield	166.3	177.1	-1.5	6.36
Income	114.1	121.2	-1.1	4.29
Amer Inc	28.03	29.85p	-0.06	4.31
World Ass Val	26.24	27.94p	-0.23	1.07
Japan	133.7	142.3	-2.1	0.01
Pacific Gr Amer	179.0	190.6	-2.2	0.00
Asset Value	304.0	323.7	-3.1	2.53
O'seas Earn	199.1	212.0	-1.6	3.30
Recovery	95.48	101.6	-0.47	2.83
UK Eq Opp Sts	239.1	254.6p	-2.7	2.27
Smlr Co	161.1	171.5	-2.3	2.06
Capital	238.3	253.7	-2.9	3.14
Amer Spec Sit	82.58	88.64	-0.15	1.49
International	84.71	90.16	-0.95	1.35
Growth & Inc	144.3	153.6	-1.5	3.62
Euro Gth	17.83	18.77p	-0.10	1.33
Pacific	214.0	227.9	-3.1	0.30
2nd Smlr Co	198.1	198.1e	-1.7	1.56

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	74.71	79.69p	-0.89	3.56
Euro Gth Inc	61.58	65.69p	-0.33	1.06
Extra Income	90.95	96.92	-0.67	5.12
General	61.87	65.97	-1.6	3.56
Gilt & Fixed Int	51.83	53.43p	-0.21	9.73
Income Tst	382.8	408.3p	-4.0	4.13

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 158, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XX
Tel: 01-658 3000

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American EVS	58.02	61.56	-0.17	1.20
Australia	65.64	70.97	-1.71	0.00
Eastern	74.75	80.69p	-1.59	0.40
Equity Inc	64.86	69.51	-0.93	3.20
Europe	113.5	120.9	-0.1	0.00
Emerging Tst	56.58	60.78	..	0.00
Growth & Inc	71.88	77.14p	-0.38	2.20
Do Acc	113.7	121.9p	-0.6	2.20
Global Gth	59.75	63.55	-0.18	0.00
Japan Spec	132.3	142.2p	-1.44	0.00
Japan Sm	143.4	154.4	-1.5	0.00
First Europe	107.3	113.8	-0.8	1.10
First Japan	98.23	103.5	-1.78	0.50
First N Amer	47.75	47.99p	-0.27	0.00
First Smlr Co	87.58	99.15	-0.43	1.40
N Amer Spec	41.24	44.62	-0.63	0.00
UK Growth	35.29	38.62p	-0.26	5.07
Select Man Fd	45.33	48.09	-0.30	2.00

BROWN SHIPLEY
9-17, Ferrymount Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Financial	148.7	158.9p	+1.6	3.91
Smlr Co Acc	298.7	324.1	-1.8	0.39
Do Inc	189.0	205.1	+5.5	1.29
High Income	74.99	80.18p	-0.01	6.70
Income	90.21	96.53	+0.48	5.53
Man Portfl Inc	80.52	86.15p	+0.48	2.23
Do Acc	140.1	149.9p	-0.7	2.20
Nth American	48.77	49.93	+0.54	0.30
Orient	102.1	109.8	-1.3	0.28
Exempt	281.3	275.7	-1.9	0.39
Recovery	92.85	97.58	+0.91	1.81
German	22.46	23.94	+0.09	1.89
Int Recov	24.37	26.07	-0.11	0.90
Europe	15.89	16.79	+0.01	3.68
Conv General	23.35	24.93p	-0.06	0.61

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT
Tel: 01-588 2868 01 623 4248

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Emer Gth Fd In	59.12	62.73p	-0.56	1.79
Emr Gth Fd Ac	59.57	63.20p	-0.56	1.79
Fellowship Inc	39.06	62.44	-0.28	1.80
General Inc 4	254.1	269.5	-2.1	4.89
Do Acc 4	418.6	445.2	-3.2	3.27
Income Fd 3	133.6	141.7	-0.9	4.80
Do Acc 3	251.6	266.9	-1.7	4.80
Int Income 2	107.9	113.9p	+0.1	4.80
Do Acc 2	146.3	150.7	+5.5	2.00
Smlr Inc 5	96.2	101.9	-0.6	1.24
Do Acc	104.3	110.7	-0.7	1.24

BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL
Tel: 01-488 7216
Stk Gr Fid Int 51.26 51.95 +0.05 1.40

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB
Tel: 01-902 8876

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Growth	32.05	34.46s	-0.39	2.94
Income	40.68	43.75s	-0.57	4.71
Far East	28.00	30.11s	-0.49	0.21
Nth American	28.77	28.59s	-0.21	0.72
Global	43.07	45.82s	-0.65	0.75
European	39.58	43.21s	-0.32	1.27
Japan	81.20	87.31	-1.24	0.01
Strategic Opp	48.57	51.87	-0.20	1.45
Do Acc	47.5	50.6	..	3.31
Int Currency	45.11	47.53	-0.04	0.00

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 552 Winchester Hse, 77 London Wall, London EC2M 1DE Tel: 01-588 0808

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	385.3	411.7	-4.3	1.30
European S S	48.42	51.70	-0.13	3.14
Far East S S	50.30	53.68	-0.69	0.67
Gold Gen S S	52.00	55.49	-1.29	0.92
Income	358.0	382.5	-2.2	5.25
Intl Sp Sits	48.32	51.56	-0.49	1.39
Nth Amer	236.5	252.4	-3.3	2.26

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Investment	443.45	-17.7	5.00	
Fixed Int	140.3	-2.8	10.18	
Deposit	100.0	..	10.00	

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	417.72	⊖-18.4	5.29	
Acc.	513.2858	-9.4	..	
Deposit	100.0	..	10.85	

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS
Woolgate House, Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD Tel: 01-606 6622

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Man Reserve	22.23	23.59	-0.21	..
SC Special Sits	69.29	70.15	..	0.39

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narroer Plate, Bristol BS2 0JH Tel: 0800 373353

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Gth	19.49	20.73	-0.12	0.47
Asia Gth	21.30	22.66	-0.31	0.90
Dragon Gth	24.21	25.75	-0.09	1.70
Equity Hi Inc	54.90	58.01e	-1.11	5.15
Do Acc	59.34	59.46e	-0.47	5.15
European Gth	24.85	26.42	+0.04	1.74
Gen Equity	46.49	49.07e	-0.35	3.21
Gt/F Interst Gth	32.01	33.51e	+0.08	7.53
Gth & Fixed Inc	24.06	25.28	+0.03	5.83
Intl Income Tst	22.05	23.46e	-0.09	6.01
Japan Gth	44.06	46.87	-0.71	0.00
Pedigree Gth	22.77	24.24	-0.09	2.48
Special Sits	32.66	34.74e	-0.49	3.23

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COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ
0800 Tel: 01-283 7500 Dealing: 0800 289 490

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK & Gen Inc	50.84	56.35	+0.86	2.61
Do Acc	52.97	58.35	-0.17	2.61
Income Inc	52.52	55.56p	-0.72	3.68
Do Acc	55.29	58.48	-0.76	3.68
Worldwide Inc	43.47	46.49	-0.13	0.46
Do Acc	44.99	47.18	-0.13	0.46
Gamma Inc	34.18	36.36	-0.52	0.89
Do Acc	34.33	36.52	-0.52	0.89
Amer Gth	50.80	54.04	-0.75	0.65
Euro Gth	54.52	58.00	-0.97	0.76
Far East	68.78	66.54	-1.28	0.00
Glt & Fxd Int	46.08	48.51e	-1.37	8.41
World Bond	45.74	49.49e	-1.10	5.55
Private Inv Pt	48.37	49.12	-0.15	3.22

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW Tel: 04862 5033

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Tst	104.7	111.7	-0.3	0.74
Canadian Gth	20.56	21.83	+0.07	1.09
European Tst	53.42	56.73	-0.30	1.13
Growth Tst	248.6	263.0e	-3.0	2.90
High Income	303.4	323.6	-2.1	5.32
Intl Tech Tst	105.0	112.0	-1.1	0.71
Investment Tst	35.35	37.04	..	1.47
Japanese Tst	230.9	246.3	..	0.00
Man Int	26.87	28.66e	..	2.62

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Reigate, Surrey RH2 6SL Tel: 0737-243434

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
European Gth	51.81	54.52	-0.01	1.50
Euro Spec Sits	38.36	40.63	-0.04	1.90
International	44.58	46.97	-0.04	0.00
N Amer Gth	42.84	45.88	+0.20	1.70
Pacific Gth	56.29	60.12	-0.64	2.00
UK Gth Acc	64.61	69.75e	-0.62	2.90
Do Dist	51.47	55.57e	-0.49	3.90
UK Income	55.15	59.56e	-1.74	5.80

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tst: 0345 090626

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Fd	59.31	63.02	+0.02	1.59
Capital Fd	127.7	135.7	-1.2	1.47
Convertible	23.05	24.49e	-0.43	8.06
Eurofund	23.07	24.47	-0.12	1.23
Growth & Inc	170.1	180.7e	-1.2	4.15
High Dist Fd	144.4	153.2	-1.1	9.00
International	198.3	210.7	-2.3	1.07
Pacific Fd	24.29	25.81	-0.17	0.00
Resources Fd	22.38	23.79	-0.12	0.00
Smlr Co	41.69	44.29	-0.47	0.00
Tokyo Fd	185.0	196.1e	-4.3	0.00
Ex Amer 2	119.5	122.8	..	1.86
Ex Japan 3	118.9	122.1	..	0.17
Ex Pacific 4	280.1	270.0e	-19.7	0.23
Ex Smlr Jap 4	248.0	252.7	-10.3	0.10

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LG Tel: 0242 221311

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Balan Inc	77.74	82.46	-1.18	2.95
Do Acc	81.91	86.91	-1.23	2.80
UK Gth Acc	117.0	124.1	-1.2	2.21
UK High Inc	86.29	95.16	-1.07	4.89
N Amer Acc	63.35	67.57	+0.07	1.03
Far East Acc	111.2	118.6	-2.0	0.65
European Acc	69.25	73.84e	-0.29	1.40
UK Gt/Fi Inc	63.97	67.25	-0.06	7.74
Intl Spec Sits	36.90	39.30e	-0.38	1.70

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admin Centre Hexagon House Romford RM1 3LB Tel: 0708 56955
Endurance 118.1 125.6 .. 1.88

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 481480

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equit Pelican	88.40	94.05	-2.88	3.98
High Income	93.84	99.83	-3.34	6.11
Gt/Fxd Interst	50.02	53.22	-0.02	7.70
Tst Of Inv Tsts	84.11	89.48e	-2.21	2.24
Spec Sits Tst	96.24	102.3e	-5.24	9.93
Nth Amer Tst	57.37	61.25e	+0.57	1.48
Far East Tst	116.9	124.4	-3.67	0.32
Intl Gth	55.46	59.00	-0.68	1.86
European Tst	39.67	42.21	-0.40	1.85

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1GD Tel: 0203 553231

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Gth Acc	167.7	178.4	-8.0	3.67

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Higher Inc Acc	311.2	331.1	-5.7	4.84
Do Inc	206.1	220.1	-4.2	4.84
Offsh & Fxd Acc	110.0	115.5e	-0.1	9.05
Do Inc	82.33	86.54e	-0.07	9.05
N Amer Acc	111.7	118.9	-4.0	0.11
Far East Acc	203.0	216.0	-3.0	0.00
Euro Tst Acc	132.5	141.0e	+0.1	0.53
Gen Tst	240.9	255.5e	-2.1	2.58
Snr Excell	38.17	40.61	-0.35	3.23
Br Fdmtls Inc	47.70	50.75e	-0.80	6.27
Do Acc	47.70	50.75e	-0.80	6.27

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA Tel: 01-623 4500

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
US Smlr Co	84.51	89.10	+0.19	0.92
UK Inc Fd	86.82	92.86	-0.38	4.71
Far East Fd	83.82	89.64	+1.34	0.00
Overseas Inc	59.47	63.57	-0.39	4.47
Fxd Interest	82.45	86.62	-0.05	10.09
Natural Res Fd	57.35	61.33	-0.28	1.98
European Inc	60.33	64.47e	-0.34	2.27
Financials Fd	44.41	47.50e	-0.40	2.77
Intl Tech Fd	36.38	38.89e	-0.25	0.00
UK Gth	83.84	88.27	-1.36	2.36
US Major	46.80	49.63	+0.07	0.67

FR INVESTMENT MANAGERS
199, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Eston Gth Acc	84.94	89.89	-0.47	1.20
Do Inc	69.11	67.14	-0.47	1.20
Hi Yield Acc	29.60	31.49	-0.17	4.50
Do Inc	27.57	29.32	-0.17	4.50
Smr Co Acc	55.45	58.98	-0.23	3.50
Do Inc	47.52	50.55	-0.20	3.50
Amer Gth Acc	72.75	84.24e	-0.24	1.20
Do Inc	22.53	23.97e	-0.24	1.20
Euro Gth Acc	15.99	17.01e	-0.16	2.00
Do Inc	15.81	16.82e	-0.16	2.00

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY Tel: 0800 414161

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	102.3	108.4	+0.1	0.57
Amer Equity Inc	27.93	29.61	+0.12	0.53
Amer Spec Sit	51.63	54.85	+0.28	0.73
Australia	25.50	27.21	-0.05	2.33
European	96.58	99.23	+0.12	..
European Inc	20.22	21.54e	+0.01	4.44
Global Comm	21.58	23.00	-0.15	5.57
Far East Inc	37.88	39.91	-0.51	3.69
Gt/Fxd Interest	28.89	29.19e	-0.04	10.10
Growth & Inc	106.8	116.7	-2.0	4.96
Japan Spec Sit	87.88	77.7	-2.20	..
Japan Inc	153.8	163.7	-0.1	0.00
Managed Int	121.3	129.1	-1.6	0.44
Inc Plus	100.5	107.8e	-0.5	5.58
Overseas Name	38.20	40.29	-0.45	0.70
SE Asia	40.29	43.93	-0.35	0.70
Spec Sit	257.0	275.7c	-2.0	0.74
Special Comp	22.33	23.76	-0.55	0.00
Intl Bond	24.43	25.98	-0.02	9.00
Recovery	27.58	29.58	-0.22	2.49
Moneybuilder	26.25	28.66	-0.10	1.85

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Do Acc	147.2	155.3	-0.2	6.08
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Do Acc	65.82	69.51	-0.23	1.35
Extra Inc Inc	231.8	244.6e	-1.3	4.35
Do Acc	266.3	281.0e	-1.5	4.35
Financial Inc	44.68	46.07	-0.24	1.05
Do Acc	43.86	46.07	-0.24	1.05
Income Tst	157.2	165.9	-1.2	4.34
Do Acc	175.9	185.6	-1.3	4.34
Intl Growth Fd	156.2	164.8	-1.0	..
Do Acc	155.2	163.7	-1.0	..
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PEP 88	53.41	56.36	-0.12	2.43
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Do Acc	75.05	79.41e	-0.24	0.64
Fxd Interest Dl	112.7	118.9	+0.01	7.53
Do Acc	148.1	156.3	+0.01	7.53
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Do Acc	53.00	56.23	-0.86	0.64
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Do Acc	116.1	123.1	-0.14	1.45
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Do Acc	174.5	185.1	-0.23	0.00
Steward Dist	228.1	241.8	-2.51	1.71
Do Acc	240.4	254.8	-2.65	1.71
Steward Inc Dl	98.46	104.4	-0.98	4.39
Do Acc	98.06	81.54e	-0.53	4.39
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UK Cap Inc	121.9	130.4e	-1.7	3.32
Do Acc	121.9	130.4e	-1.7	3.32
Do Spec Sits	49.90	53.66	-0.46	1.06
Income Fd	62.63	66.06e	-3.02	6.18
International	153.4	164.1	-0.9	1.16
US & General	42.57	45.62	-0.13	0.92
Japan & Gen	79.07	84.64	-0.39	0.00
Far East Gen	115.2	123.3	-2.0	0.33
European Fd	221.1	236.5	+0.6	0.24
Germany Fd	83.67	89.54	+0.12	1.67
Gilt Fd	53.57	57.31	+0.03	9.61
Wld Spec Sit	57.91	61.30	-0.48	2.53
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Do Dist	65.01	68.58e	-1.02	2.92
Capital UK Gth	259.7	273.4e	-3.39	2.24
Main Expt	259.5	270.0	-1.78	2.68
Propt Inv Inc	85.91	90.48	-0.21	2.54
Do Acc	133.3	132.5	-0.98	2.54
Special Sits	100.6	107.9e	-1.84	2.29
UK Sel Opps	65.85	64.18	-0.43	1.18
UK Smlr Cos	102.3	109.7	-1.06	1.22
Income Tsts				
Extra Inc	66.23	69.16	-0.35	6.59
Fxd Interest	35.14	37.28	-0.45	7.77
High Income	90.03	92.21e	-0.20	5.46
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Intl Fxd Int	23.75	25.20	-0.03	7.85

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Japan Gth	81.85	85.74e	-0.48	0.00
Japan Inc	84.80	90.22	-0.57	3.58
Pacific Strat	45.00	48.93	-0.37	0.41
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UK Spec Opps	113.4	120.6	-1.13	1.50
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YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Edited by Derek Harris

Turning heads in the garden

By Ian A. Jack

Customers wandering between the plant pots, ponds and heathers of a garden centre near Chester le Street, County Durham, are liable to stumble across a new variety of scenic decoration. Springing up on plinths are modernistic busts and statues by Janet Barry, a 45-year-old Peterlee housewife, who began with an O-level in art and is carving a career as a sculptress.

Her modern figures represent a new venture with the Lambton Park Garden Centre management to integrate sculpture into the landscape, " . . . and to lift garden decoration above the level of the plastic gnome", she adds.

It is too early to know whether this exercise in mixing art, horticulture and commerce will succeed, but both garden centre and artist exude confidence. At £450 a time for a contemporary figure and £240 for a pair of heads, they run out far more expensive than a garden gnome. But the figures have that special quality which last year encouraged Sunderland Council to order six for outdoor display in Mowbray Park.

It is only in the last 10 years or so that Janet's artistic talents have been sharpened and developed. In her younger days she worked for a clothing firm in Hartlepool, then married William, a former miner. Their daughter is a nurse.

Fifteen years ago, Janet saw an advertisement for an O-level course in art at Peterlee College, and decided to take it. That led to an A-level. "I found I had a flair for portraiture," she recalls. "I became interested in three-dimensional heads, and I used my husband as a model for the first one."

She went back to study — this time to a four-year course at Sunderland Polytechnic from which she emerged with a BA Honours in Fine Art.

Several exhibitions later, she enjoys a growing reputation. Lumley Castle Hotel at Chester le Street asked her to produce two life-size sculptures in the medieval style, and Peterlee commissioned her to produce a gift in bronze for the town of Biesweiler, West Germany to commemorate the 10th anniversary of twinning. She created a miner releasing 10 pigeons from a basket.

Most of her work had been indoors until the Mowbray Park commission. She created the figures in stone using fibreglass moulds, then used the same moulds to produce more figures for the garden centre, feeling, as she puts it, "there is definitely a market for garden sculpture. People are very interested in it and I wanted to produce something a little bit special."

John Maddison, managing director of Lambton Park Garden Centre, shared her views and offered sites throughout the centre, wondering whether it is the first garden centre in the country to have its own sculptures virtually in residence.

Meanwhile, the artist who freely confessed she has never thought of seeking any kind of government scheme support for her work, admits that her income is "up and down, feast or famine".

"I suppose I could make a living from my outdoor sculpture with the right market," she reflects.

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BRIEFING

■ A surge in small business activity in the West Country is reported by 3i, Britain's largest venture capital provider, which has made Bill Hiscocks investment director at Bristol, covering, particularly, Somerset, Devon and Cornwall. He said: "The 3i portfolio in the West Country increased by 25 per cent in the past year, bringing the total of our investments in the region to more than £50 million."

■ Seminars on buying and selling a business are to be held in Hampshire and Dorset over the next few months organized by the Southampton office of 3i, the venture capital group. The first will be at Salisbury on September 22. Then, Southampton (November 17), Poole (November 29), Portsmouth (January 26) and Winchester (March 7). Stephen Denford, 3i's director at Southampton, said: "The consequences of buying the wrong business or of paying the wrong price for it can be very serious. We highlight both potential pitfalls and opportunities." Contact: Janet Turtle on (0703) 632044.

Curtains open on franchise

Curtain Dream, the Yorkshire-based soft furnishings retailer, is aiming to increase its 36 retailing outlets to about 250, mainly by franchising, *writes Derek Harris*.

The company, originally a curtain manufacturer, is now attacking the growing market for co-ordinated soft furnishings by adding upholstered furniture, wallpaper, carpets and beddings. It is expanding manufacture at its Bradford base to produce many of the items itself.

In three years it has gone from a turnover of £200,000 to £2 million last year, yielding a pre-tax profit of about £250,000. Sales this year are projected at over £5 million. A flotation on the Unlisted Securities Market (USM) is probably about a year away, one aim being to raise cash to move into Europe.

A franchisee could expect to invest £45,000, of which two-thirds could be raised through arranged finance. Chris Whitehead, who heads the company, claims that franchisee outlets should show a first-year profit of about £15,000, rising to £30,000 or more in the third year.

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Applicants should consult their PCAS and UCCA handbooks for more information about the courses offered.

TTNS provides full lists of all degree course vacancies, available to the 5,500 educational establishments, including 70 local authority careers offices who subscribe to the TTNS database. The data can be accessed by typing 'Clearing' at the system prompt.

The information is also available on ECCTIS and Prestel, or by calling 0272-217721 for Polytechnic vacancies or 0272-217244 for University vacancies.

Mathematics (G100): Wales. Aberystwyth (7): Bath (9): Belfast (7): Bradford (7): Cardiff (6): City (8): Dundee (6): East Anglia (7): Edinburgh (8): Essex (7): Heriot-Watt (7): Keele (7): Kent (7): Leeds (14): Leicester (8): Liverpool (7): London, Royal Holloway and Bedford New (7): London, Imperial (10): London, King's (8): LSE (10): London, Queen Mary (5): Manchester (9): UMIST (9): Newcastle (7): Reading (10): Salford (8): Sheffield (10): Strathclyde (8): Surrey (9): Sussex (7): Wales, Swansea (7): York (8).

Mathematics (G101): Bath (9): East Anglia (7).

Mathematics (G102): Belfast (8): Leicester (8): London, Imperial (10): London, Queen Mary (5).

Mathematics with Applied Mechanics (G104): Heriot-Watt (7).

Mathematics (G106): Essex (7): Liverpool (7).

Applied Mathematics (G110): Wales, Aberystwyth (7): UWIST (6): Dundee (6): London, Queen Mary (5): Reading (10): Wales, Swansea (7).

Mathematics & its Applications (G111): UWIST (6).

Pure Mathematics (G120): Wales, Aberystwyth (7): Birmingham (9): London, Queen Mary (5): Reading (10): Wales, Swansea (7).

Applied Mathematics/Pure Mathematics (G130): Wales, Aberystwyth (7): Belfast (7).

Mathematical Sciences (G140): Bath (9): London, Goldsmith's (5).

Mathematical Sciences (G141): Bath (9).

Mathematical Sciences (G150): Liverpool (7): Newcastle (7): Strathclyde (9).

Mathematical Sciences (G156): Liverpool (7).

Industrial Mathematics (G158): Wales, Aberystwyth (7).

Computational Mathematics (G176): Liverpool (7).

Mathematics with Physics (G1F3): Heriot-Watt (7): Liverpool (7): London, Imperial (10): Sussex (7): York (8).

Mathematics with Astronomy (G1F5): Leicester (8).

Mathematics and Astrophysics (G1FH): London, Queen Mary (5).

Mathematical Science with Statistics (G1G4): City (8): East Anglia (7): Heriot-Watt (10): London, Royal Holloway and Bedford New (7): London, Imperial (10): Surrey (9).

Mathematical Science with Computer Science (G1G5): City (8): East Anglia (7): Heriot-Watt (7): Leicester (8): London, Queen Mary (5): Surrey (9): Sussex (7).

Mathematics and Economics (G1L1): Dundee (6): East Anglia (7): Strathclyde (8): Sussex (7): York (8).

Mathematical Sciences with Management (G1N1): Liverpool (7).

Mathematics with Operational Research (G1N2): London, Royal Holloway and Bedford New (7).

Mathematics/Linguistics (G1Q1): York (8).

Mathematics with European Studies (French) (4yr) (G1R1): Sussex (7).

Mathematics with European Studies (German) (4yr) (G1R2): Sussex (7).

Mathematics with European Studies (Italian) (4yr) (G1R3): Sussex (7).

Mathematics with European Studies (Russian) (4yr) (G1R8): Sussex (7).

Mathematics with Philosophy (G1V7): East Anglia (7): York (8).

Mathematics (with certif. in Education) (4yr) (G1X1): East Anglia (7).

Mathematics with Education (G1X3): Heriot-Watt (6): York (8).

Mathematics and Education (G1XC): Liverpool (7).

Statistics (G400): Wales, Aberystwyth (7): Bath (9): Brunel (8): Heriot-Watt (10): Liverpool (7): LSE (10): London, Queen Mary (5): Newcastle (7): Reading (9): Sheffield (10).

Statistics (G401): Bath (9).

Statistics (G406): Liverpool (7).

Statistics with Management Science Techniques (G420): UWIST (6).

Statistics with Management Science Techniques (G421): UWIST (6).

Mathematics, Statistics & Operational Research (G434): UMIST (9).

Mathematics, Operational Research and Economics (G4L1): Essex (7).

Computer Science (G500): Wales, Aberystwyth (7): Aston (10): Belfast (8): Bradford (8): Cardiff (6): City (8): Dundee (6): East Anglia (9): Essex (7): Heriot Watt (8) Keele (8). Liverpool (7): London, Royal Holloway and Bedford New (8): London, King's (8): LSE (10): London, Queen Mary (8): Manchester (10): Newcastle (7): Reading (10): Salford (8): Sheffield (8): Southampton (9): Ulster (10): York (10).

Computer Science (G501): Bradford (8): Kent (7): York (10).

Computer Engineering (G502): Manchester (10).

Computer Science (G506): Liverpool (7): Manchester (10).

Computing & Information Systems Science (G520): Bradford (8): Ulster (6).

Computing & Information Systems Science (G521): Bradford (8).

Computer Software Technology (G530): Bath (9).

Computer Software Technology (G531): Bath (9).

Computer Systems (G532): Cardiff (6).

Information Technology (G560): Belfast (8).

Computer Science with Statistics (G5G4): London, Royal Holloway and Bedford New (8).

Computer Science and Digital Electronics (G5HS): London, King's (8): London, Queen Mary (8): London, Queen Mary (8).

Computer Systems with Microelectronics (G5HP): London, King's (8).

Applied Mathematics and Physics (GF13): Belfast (7): London, Royal Holloway and Bedford New (6): UMIST (10): Reading (10): Salford (7): York (7).

Geography and Mathematics (GF18): Salford (7).

Mathematics and Meteorology (GF19): Reading (10).

Physics and Statistics (GF43): Salford (7).

Geography and Statistics (GF48): Salford (7).

Computer Science and Physics (GF53): Belfast (7): London, Royal Holloway and Bedford New (8): Salford (7): York (10).

Computer Science/Physics (equal) (GF5H): York (10).

Mathematics and Statistics & Operational Research (GG14): Belfast (7): Dundee (6): Essex (7): Liverpool (7): London, Goldsmith's (5): Newcastle (7): Reading (10): Sussex (7).

Computer Science/Mathematics (GG15): Wales, Aberystwyth (7): Aston (13): Bath (9): Dundee (6): Essex (7): Keele (8): Kent (7): Liverpool (7): London, King's (8): London, Queen Mary (8): Manchester (10): Newcastle (7): Reading (10): Salford (8): Southampton (9): Ulster (10): York (10).

Mathematics and Numerical Analysis (GG19): Dundee (6).

Mathematics and Statistics & Operational Res (GG1K): Belfast (8): Sussex (7).

Mathematics and Statistics with Economics (GG1L): Sussex (7).

Mathematics and Statistics (GG41): Essex (7): London, Queen Mary (5).

Computer Science/Statistics (GG45): Wales, Aberystwyth (7): Cardiff (6): Dundee (6): Keele (8): London, Queen Mary (8): Newcastle (7): Salford (7).

Statistics, Computing, Operational Research & Mathematics (GG4L): London, Queen Mary (5).

Mathematics and Computing (GG51): Bath (9): Belfast (8): East Anglia (7): London, Royal Holloway and Bedford New (8): Sheffield (8): York (10).

Computer Science and Statistics & Operational Res (GG54): Belfast (8): Reading (10): Sheffield (8).

Numerical Analysis & Computer Science (GG59): Dundee (6).

Computer Science/Mathematics (Equal) (GG5C): York (10).

Applied Mathematics/Statistics (GGC4): Wales, Aberystwyth (7): Sussex (7).

Computer Science/Pure Mathematics (GGC5): Wales, Aberystwyth (7).

Mathematics & Statistics with European Studies (French) (4yr) (GGCK): Sussex (7).

Mathematics & Statistics with European Studies (German) (4yr) (GGCL): Sussex (7).

Pure Mathematics/Statistics (GGD4): Wales, Aberystwyth (7).

Applied Mathematics/Computer Science (GGD5): Wales, Aberystwyth (7).

Mathematics & Statistics with European Studies (Italian) (4yr) (GGDK): Sussex (7).

Mathematics & Statistics with European Studies (Russian) (4yr) (GGDL): Sussex (7).

Computing, Operational Research and Statistics (3/4yr) (GGK5): Kent (7).

Mathematics/Surveying Science (GH12): Newcastle (7).

Electronics/Mathematics (GH16): Keele (7): Kent (7).

Statistics/Surveying Science (GH42): Newcastle (7).

Information Systems Engineering (GH55): Heriot-Watt (12).

Electronic Engineering and Computer Science (GH56): Aston (11): Birmingham (9): Keele (7): Kent (6): London, Royal Holloway and Bedford New (8): London, Queen Mary (8): Reading (9).

Computing Science/Surveying Science (GH5F): Newcastle (7).

Mathematics and Digital Microelectronics (GHC6): Dundee (6).

Microelectronics and Computing (GHM6): Wales, Aberystwyth (6): Dundee (6).

Computer & Microprocessor Systems (GHW6): Essex (8).

Mathematics/Metallurgy (GJ12): Newcastle (7).

Computing Science/Metallurgy (GJ62): Newcastle (7).

Urban Policy & Management/Mathematics (GK14): Aston (13).

Urban Policy & Management/Computer Science (GK54): Aston (11).

Economics and Mathematics (GL11): Salford (7).

Geography/Mathematics (GL18): Newcastle (7).

Statistics and Economics (GL41): Dundee (6): Salford (7).

Geography/Statistics (GL48): Newcastle (7).

Computer Science and Economics (GL51): Dundee (6): Salford (7).

Computer Science/Geography (GL58): Keele (9): Newcastle (7).

Mathematics and Economics (3/4yrs) (GLC1): Kent (7).

Mathematics/Society & Government (GM11): Aston (13).

Business Administration/Mathematics (GN11): Aston (13): London, King's (8).

Accounting/Mathematics (GN14): Wales, Aberystwyth (8): Dundee (6).

Accounting/Applied Mathematics (GN1K): Wales, Aberystwyth (8).

Accounting/Statistics (GN44): Wales, Aberystwyth (8).

Business Administration/Computer Science (GN51): Aston (12).

Accounting/Computer Science (GN54): Wales, Aberystwyth (8): Dundee (6): Heriot-Watt (10).

Management and Computer Science (GN5C): Aston (12).

Accounting/Pure Mathematics (GND4): Wales, Aberystwyth (8).

Classical Studies/Computer Science (GQ58): Keele (8).

French/Mathematics (GR11): Aston (13).

Computer Science/French (GR61): Aston (10).

German/Computer Science (GR52): Aston (10).

Pure Mathematics and Language Studies (French) (GRC1): UMIST (10).

Pure Mathematics and Language Studies (German) (GRC2): UMIST (10).

German/Russian or Russian Studies and Computing Science (GT5Y): Keele (9).

Mathematics and Philosophy (3/4yr) (GV17): Kent (7): Liverpool (10): Manchester (9).

Computing Science/Philosophy (GV57): Stirling (7).

Mathematics/Music (GW13): Keele (7): London, Royal Holloway and Bedford New (8).

Mathematics and Education (with Postgrad certif. in Education) (GX11): London, King's (2).

Engineering (H100): Aberdeen (6): Aston (10): Edinburgh (8): Exeter (9): Lancaster (8): Leicester (6): Liverpool (8): London, Queen Mary (6): Reading (8): Surrey (8): Warwick (6).

Engineering (BSc or BEng) (4yr) (H101): Leicester (6): Liverpool (8): UMIST (9): Reading (8).

Engineering (H102): Exeter (9).

Engineering (H106): Leicester (6): London, Queen Mary (6).

Engineering Systems (BEng Hons) (4yr) (H110): Liverpool (6): Ulster (6).

Engineering Science and Industrial Management (H1N1): Liverpool (8): London, King's (8): Warwick (6).

Manufacturing Sciences and Engineering (5yr) (H1N9): Strathclyde (9).

Engineering Science and Industrial Management (4yr) (H1NC): Liverpool (8).

Engineering (Civil & Structural) (H200): Aberdeen (6): Aston (9): Belfast (8): UWIST (6): City (8): Dundee (6): Exeter (9): Heriot-Watt (6): Leeds (8): Leicester (6): Liverpool (6): London, Imperial (9): London, Queen Mary (6): London, University College (8): Manchester (8): UMIST (7): Newcastle (8): Nottingham (8): Salford (7): Southampton (9): Strathclyde (7): Surrey (7): Wales, Swansea (6): Ulster (6): Warwick (6).

Civil Engineering (H201): Aston (9): UWIST (6): City (8): Liverpool (6): Manchester (8): UMIST (7): Wales, Swansea (6).

Engineering (Civil) with Computing (H202): Leicester (6).

Civil & Structural Engineering (H220): Bradford (5): Cardiff (6): Liverpool (6): Sheffield (8).

Civil & Structural Engineering (H221): Cardiff (6): Sheffield (8).

Civil Engineering Design & Management (H222): Cardiff (6).

Civil & Structural Engineering (H223): Bradford (8).

Civil & Environmental Engineering (3yr) (H250): Newcastle (8).

Civil & Environmental Engineering (H280): Newcastle (8).

Civil Engineering (H290): Newcastle (8): Surrey (10).

Civil & Structural Engineering (H291): Bradford (5).

Civil Engineering with Architecture (H2K1): Leeds (8): Manchester (8).

Civil Engineering with Building Management (H2K2): Dundee (6).

Architectural Engineering (H2KC): Leeds (8).

Civil Engineering with Management Law (H2M3): Dundee (6).

Civil Engineering with Management Accounting (H2N4): Dundee (6).

Engineering (Mechanical) (H300): Aberdeen (6): Aston (10): Belfast (8): Bradford (6): Brunel (9): Cardiff (6): UWIST (6): City (6): Heriot-Watt (4): Leicester (6): Liverpool (7): London, Imperial (9): London, Queen Mary (6): London, University College (8): Manchester (9): UMIST (9): Nottingham (10): Reading (8): Sheffield (8): Strathclyde (6): Surrey (8): Sussex (6): Wales, Swansea (6): Warwick (6).

Mechanical Engineering (H301): Aston (10): Cardiff (5): UWIST (6): Exeter (9): Liverpool (7): London, Imperial (12): London, King's (9): London, University College (8): Sheffield (8).

Engineering (Mechanical) with Computing (H302): Leicester (6): London, King's (8): Sussex (6).

Mechanical Engineering (H303): Bradford (8).

Mechanical Engineering (specialised) (H320): London, Queen Mary (6).

Agricultural Engineering (H330): Newcastle (6).

Marine Engineering (3yr) (H350): Newcastle (6).

Marine Engineering (4yr) (H351): Newcastle (6).

Marine Technology (H352): Newcastle (6).

Offshore Engineering with Civil Engineering (H390): Heriot-Watt (6).

Offshore Engineering with Mechanical Engineering (H382): Heriot-Watt (4).

Offshore Engineering with Electrical & Electronics Engineering (H364): Heriot-Watt (12).

Offshore Engineering with Chemical & Process Engineering (H369): Heriot-Watt (12).

Mechanical Engineering (H390): Birmingham (9): Bradford (6).

Mechanical Engineering (H391): Bradford (11): Cardiff (6).

Mechanical & Food Engineering (H3D4): Belfast (8).

Mechanical Engineering with Structural Mechanics (H3H2): Brunel (9).

Mechanical Engineering with Electronic Systems (H3N6): Brunel (9): London, King's (8).

Mechanical Engineering with Manufacturing Systems Technology (H3H7): Liverpool (7).

Mechanical Engineering with Management (H3N1): Liverpool (7).

Mechanical Engineering with Management (4yr) (H3NC): Liverpool (7).

Mechanical Engineering with French (H3R1): Bath (9): Sussex (6).

Mechanical Engineering with German (H3R2): Bath (9).

Mechanical Engineering with French (H3RC): Bath (9).

Mechanical Engineering with German (H3RF): Bath (9).

Aeronautical Engineering (H400): Belfast (9): City (7): London, Queen Mary (9): Manchester (11).

Aeronautical Engineering (H401): City (7).

Aeronautical Engineering (H412): City (12).

Aeronautical Engineering (H413): City (12).

Aeronautical Engineering with French (H4R1): Bath (9).

Aeronautical Engineering with German (H4R2): Bath (9).

Aeronautical Engineering with French (H4RC): Bath (9).

Aeronautical Engineering with German (H4RF): Bath (9).

Engineering (Electrical & Electronic) (H500): Aberdeen (6): Wales, Bangor (6): Leeds (7): Liverpool (7): London, Queen Mary (7): Sheffield (10): Southampton (9): Sussex (6): Warwick (6).

Electrical Engineering (4yr) (H501): Liverpool (7): Sheffield (10).

MEng (Electrical Systems) (4yr) (H530): Warwick (6).

Engineering (Electrical & Electronic) with Computing (H552): Leicester (6).

Electrical Engineering with European Studies (French) (H5R1): Sussex (6).

Electronic Engineering (H600): Wales, Bangor (6): Bradford (5): UWIST (7): Dundee (4): East Anglia (9): Keele (7): Kent (7): Liverpool (7): London, Queen Mary (7): UMIST (10): Newcastle (5): Salford (6): Sheffield (10): Southampton (10): Sussex (6): Warwick (6).

Electronics (H601): UWIST (7): Liverpool (7): Sheffield (10).

Electronic Engineering (H602): Essex (6): Sussex (6).

Electronic Engineering (4yr, wide entry) (H605): Wales, Bangor (5).

Electronic & Computer Engineering (H610): Birmingham (8): Cardiff (7): City (8): Kent (6): London, Queen Mary (7): Salford (6): Warwick (6).

Electronic Engineering (Computing) (H611): Sheffield (10).

Computer Systems (H612): Cardiff (6).

Computer Systems Engineering (H616): Wales, Bangor (6): Birmingham (8): Dundee (4): Essex (6): Glasgow (6): Newcastle (6): Ulster (6).

Microelectronic Systems Engineering (4yr) (H617): UMIST (8).

Electronic & Communication Engineering (H620): Bath (9): Birmingham (8): Essex (6): Kent (7): Salford (6): Sheffield (10).

Electronic & Communication Engineering (H621): Bath (9).

Electronic Engineering (Telecoms) (H626): Essex (6): London, Queen Mary (7).

Electronic Engineering (Information & Systems) (H630): Sheffield (9): Surrey (8).

Electronic Engineering (Information & Systems) (H631): Sheffield (9).

Systems Engineering (H640): Bath (9): Birmingham (7): City (8): Sheffield (7).

Systems Engineering (H641): Bath (9).

Electronic Control & Systems Engineering (H642): Sheffield (7).

Microelectronic Control Engineering (H644): Salford (5).

Cybernetics & Information Science (H650): Reading (6).

Cybernetics & Control Engineering (H651): Reading (6).

Electronic Engineering with Medical Electronics (H673): Kent (7).

Electronic Communication & Computer Engineering (H690): Bradford (5).

Electronic & Optoelectronic Engineering (H682): Bradford (5).

Computer Systems Engineering (H695): Sussex (6).

Electrical & Electronic Engineering (H6H5): City (8): Wales, Swansea (8).

Systems Engineering with French (H6R1): Bath (9): Sussex (6).

Systems Engineering with German (H6R2): Bath (9).

Systems Engineering with French (H6RC): Bath (9): Sussex (6).

Power Electronics & Control with European Studies (French) (H6RD): Sussex (6).

Systems Engineering with German (H6RF): Bath (9).

Electronic Engineering with European Studies (H6T2): Salford (6).

Production Engineering (H700): Bath (9): UWIST (6).

Production Engineering (H701): Bath (9): UWIST (6): Exeter (9).

Production Technology and Production Management (H710): Aston (9).

Production Technology and Production Management (H711): Aston (9).

Engineering Production and Production Management (H718): UWIST (6): Nottingham (8): Strathclyde (6).

Engineering Production and Production Management (H717): UWIST (6).

Industrial Engineering (H750): Belfast (8).

CAM Engineering (H752): Salford (3).

Engineering (Design & Appropriate Technology) (H782): Warwick (6).

Engineering Design & Manufacturing (Finniston Mod.) (4yr) (H764): Hull (7).

Manufacturing Engineering (BME) (H780): Brunel (9): Dundee (4): Salford (3): Strathclyde (8): Warwick (6).

Manufacturing Engineering with French (H7R1): Bath (9).

Manufacturing Engineering with German (H7R2): Bath (9).

Manufacturing Engineering with French (H7RC): Bath (9).

Manufacturing Engineering with German (H7RF): Bath (9).

Chemical Engineering (H800): Bath (8): Belfast (9): Bradford (6): Heriot-Watt (12): Leeds (5): London, University College (9): Loughborough (8): UMIST (9): Newcastle (7): Strathclyde (6): Surrey (7): Wales, Swansea (6).

Chemical Engineering with Education (H801): Bath (8): London, Imperial (10): London, University College (9): Loughborough (8): Newcastle (7): Wales, Swansea (6).

Chemical Engineering (H803): Bradford (8).

Chemical Process Engineering (H840): Aston (10): Bath (8): Exeter (9): Sheffield (6).

Chemical Process Engineering (H841): Aston (10): Bath (8): Sheffield (5).

Fuel & Energy Engineering (H862): Leeds (6).

Fuel & Combustion Science (H864): Leeds (6).

Biochemical Engineering (Process Biotechnology) (H870): London, University College (9): Wales, Swansea (6).

Biochemical Engineering (Process Biotechnology) (H871): London, University College (9).

Chemical Engineering (H890): Bradford (5): Newcastle (7).

Chemical Engineering (H891): Bradford (11).

Chemical & Food Engineering (H8D4): Belfast (9).

Chemical Engineering with French (4yr, yr3 abroad) (H8R1): UMIST (11).

Computer Systems Engineering (HG65): East Anglia (10).

Engineering Science and Manufacturing Systems (HH17): Liverpool (8).

Electrical & Mechanical Engineering (HH35): Sussex (6).

Electromechanical Power Engineering (HH36): Loughborough (8).

Mechanical Systems & Design Engineering (HH37): Liverpool (7).

Avionics (Aeronautical/Electrical) (HH46): London, Queen Mary (9).

Electrical & Electronic Engineering (HH56): Aston (10): Bath (9): Birmingham (8): Bradford (5): Brunel (7): Cardiff (7): UWIST (7): Exeter (9): Glasgow (6): Heriot-Watt (12): Manchester (6): UMIST (10): Newcastle (8): Nottingham (11): Salford (6): Sussex (6): Wales, Swansea (8).

Electrical & Electronic Engineering (HH5F): Bradford (8).

Electrical & Electronic Engineering (HH5Q): Cardiff (10).

Electromechanical Power Engineering (HH63): Loughborough (8): Salford (6).

Power Electronics & Control (HH66): Sussex (6).

Electronic & Manufacturing Engineering (HH67): Birmingham (7): Loughborough (7).

Manufacturing Systems with Mechanical Engineering (HH73): Bradford (6): Liverpool (7).

Electronics and Manufacturing Engineering (HH76): Loughborough (7).

Manufacturing Systems with Mechanical Engineering (HHJ): Bradford (6).

Electrical & Electronic Engineering (HH86): Aston (10): Bath (9): Cardiff (5): UWIST (7): Manchester (9): Surrey (8).

Materials Process Engineering (HJ12): Sheffield (11).

Civil & Maritime Engineering (4yr) (HJ26): Liverpool (6).

Mechanical Design Materials & Manufacturing (HJ35): Nottingham (9).

Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering (HJ36): London, University College (8).

Electronic Materials Engineering (HJ85): Nottingham (10).

Chemical Processing and Materials Engineering (HJ86): Nottingham (10).

Chemical Process Engineering Biotechnology (HJ88): Sheffield (6).

Civil & Environmental Engineering (4yr) (HK23): Liverpool (6).

Civil Engineering and Economics (HL21): Dundee (6).

Geography/Surveying Science (HL26): Newcastle (7).

Electronics and Economics (HL51): Dundee (4).

Engineering Manufacture & Management (4yr) (HN71): Manchester (12): UMIST (12).

Manufacturing Engineering & Management (HN7C): Loughborough (7).

Manufacturing Engineering & Management (HNT1): Loughborough (7).

German/Russian or Russian Studies and Electronics (HT6Y): Keele (7).

Electronics/Music (HW63): Keele (7).

Mining Engineering (J100): Cardiff (6): Leeds (5): London, Imperial (7): Newcastle (4): Nottingham (8).

Mining Engineering (J101): Cardiff (5): London, Imperial (10): Newcastle (4).

Mining Engineering (2yr conversion) (J104): Leeds (5).

Drilling Engineering (J110): Newcastle (7).

Engineering, Mining & Petroleum (J116): Strathclyde (6).

Mineral Engineering (J120): Leeds (5).

Mineral Processing (J140): Cardiff (6).

Mineral Processing (J141): Cardiff (5).

Petroleum Engineering (J171): London, Imperial (10).

Metallurgy (J200): Brunel (9): Liverpool (7): Manchester (7): UMIST (7): Sheffield (9): Strathclyde (6): Surrey (4).

Materials Science (J220): Manchester (7): UMIST (7).

Science & Engineering of Ceramics (J320): Sheffield (9).

Science & Engineering of Glasses (J340): Sheffield (9).

Polymer Science & Engineering (J400): London, Queen Mary (5).

Science & Engineering of Polymers (J440): Sheffield (9).

Textile Chemistry (J446): Leeds (6): UMIST (6).

Textile Studies (options) (J460): Leeds (6).

Clothing Engineering (J470): UMIST (6).

Textile Technology (J4J9): UMIST (6).

Materials Science & Engineering (J500): Leeds (4): Wales, Swansea (5).

Materials Science & Technology (J520): Brunel (9): Surrey (4).

Materials Science & Engineering (J550): London, Queen Mary (5): Strathclyde (6).

Paper Science (J600): UMIST (6).

Naval Architecture and Offshore Engineering (J800): Strathclyde (6).

Naval Architecture and Shipbuilding (3yr) (J820): Newcastle (6).

Biotechnology (J900): London, King's (8): Reading (8): Wales, Swansea (6).

Process Biotechnology (4½yr) (J901): Surrey (9).

Mathematics with Engineering (J920): Nottingham (8).

Engineering Mathematics (J922): London, Queen Mary (5).

Transport Technology (J930): Ulster (6).

Engineering (Nuclear) (J940): Manchester (8).

Electro/Mechanical Engineering (J956): Aston (10).

Engineering Acoustics & Vibration (J970): Southampton (8).

Engineering, Environmental (J972): Strathclyde (6).

Geological Engineering (BSc Eng) (J976): London, Queen Mary (5).

Integrated Physical Science (JF29): Sheffield (10).

Materials Science & Engineering (specialisations) (JF52): London, Imperial (9): Sheffield (9).

Materials Technology with Management (JN51): Brunel (9).

Linguistics (Q100): East Anglia (10).

Linguistics with Latin (Q1Q5): Manchester (10).

Linguistics with Italian (Q1R3): Manchester (10).

English (Q300): Ulster (6).

Modern English Studies (Q312): UWIST (9).

English as a Foreign Language (Q376): Stirling (8).

Welsh Studies (Q512): Wales, Lampeter (5).

Welsh (3/4yrs) (Q520): Wales, Lampeter (5): Wales, Swansea (7).

Irish Studies (Q530): Belfast (8): Ulster (6).

Welsh (with Business Studies) (3/4yr) (QSN1): Wales, Swansea (7).

Latin (Q600): Belfast (8): Birmingham (9): Leeds (12): Liverpool (9): London, King's (8): London, Westfield (7): Wales, Swansea (6).

Latin (with Greek) (Q607): London, University College (6).

Greek (Q700): Belfast (8): Leeds (12): London, King's (8): London, Westfield (7): Wales, Swansea (6).

Greek (with Latin) (Q7Q6): London, University College (6).

Classics (Q800): Belfast (8): Birmingham (9): Leeds (12): Liverpool (9): London, University College (6): London, Westfield (7).

Classical Studies (Q810): Liverpool (9): London, Westfield (7).

Classical Civilisation (Q820): Leeds (12).

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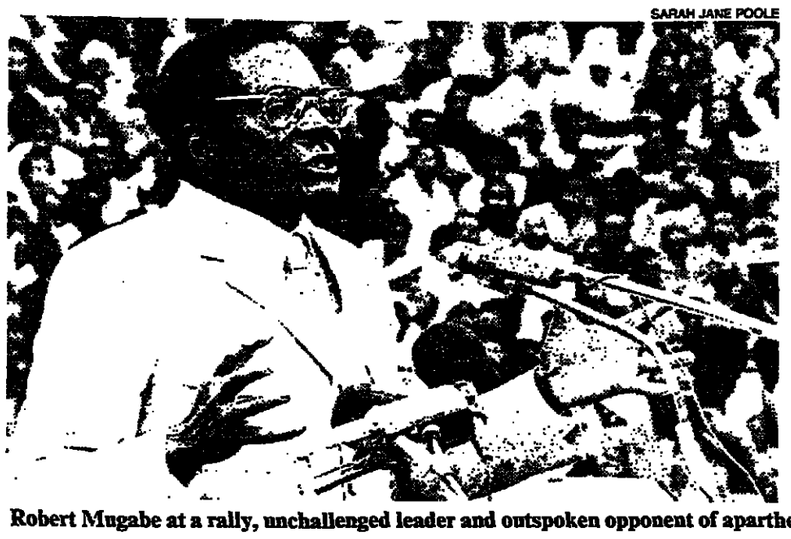
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A Special Report
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Survival in a tense front line

Far from 'the wheels falling off the new state', it is showing the way for its African neighbours

SARAH JANE POOLE



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Robert Mugabe at a rally, unchallenged leader and outspoken opponent of apartheid, and above, women in traditional dress use a modern technique to express their support for the President

Nearly nine years of majority African rule have deprived Zimbabwe of much of the uniqueness and attention it received in the immediate post-independence period, as it emerged from the final, war-torn days of "independent" Rhodesia.

But the economy remains the most sophisticated in black Africa, and the government, headed by President Robert Mugabe, represents a leading political and military force in one of the world's most complex regions.

Mr Mugabe is the most outspoken member of the southern African frontline states' unofficial organization (which also includes Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, Tanzania and Zambia); and his unbridled loathing for apartheid surfaces equally strongly in the Commonwealth committee to monitor events in South Africa.

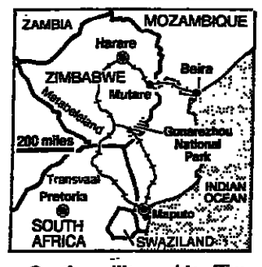
In the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference (SADCC), the nine-nation body inter-linking development strategies in the region, Zimbabwe continues to dominate, with its vastly superior agricultural production and rapid implementation of transport projects. It has taken the lead in the reopening of routes to the sea through neighbouring Mozambique, where its railway engineers have done 90 per cent of track relaying.

Within the country, the most remarkable feature is the peaceful outcome of the drama of transition from white settler to black nationalist government. Ian Smith, the former Rhodesian Prime Minister, has dropped out of sight and finally become a full-time farmer — like many of the other whites who have remained. Urban centres and government buildings have had their names replaced with African ones. There is no flicker of interest over a black company director referring to himself as "comrade".

In the eyes of the world, therefore, Zimbabwe has become a small, lower-middle income African nation with a population of only 8.5 million, a refugee problem, recurrent drought, a small war on its border and disturbing internal economic and political trends.

But the predictions that "the wheels will fall off" five years after independence have been more than disproved; and the more sober prognostications for the future now focus on how the government will act against overpopulation, unemployment, economic mismanagement and corruption.

In the Southern and East African Preferential Trade Area, an 18-country body aiming ultimately at a regional common market, Zimbabwe is again the big operator. This is a system to allow members to trade in local currencies with the balance to be settled in hard currency, and Zimbabwe inevitably wins the latter because it sells more than the others can offer.



On the military side, Zimbabwe has committed itself to deploying possibly half of its 41,000-man army into Mozambique against rebels of Renamo, the Mozambique National Resistance. Its operations extend far beyond three transport corridors, and have been responsible for demoralizing routs of the rebels in several provinces.

Over the past year Renamo has repeatedly penetrated the lengthy border with Zimbabwe, but it is considerably more wary of Zimbabwean troops than it is of the Mozambicans. Raids tend to be confined to looting for food, clothing and medicines, with accompanying atrocities, as a political demonstration, against local villagers.

Even so, the situation has had a worrying effect. The Gonarezhou national park on the south-eastern border has been closed for nearly a year, foreign aid workers have been withdrawn, and this month it was admitted that veterinary workers had been ordered to cease operations there.

South Africa remains the major threat, however. As yet, its operations are limited to brief — and often clumsy — strikes at African National Congress personnel in Harare or Bulawayo. But in the past year the Zimbabwean authorities have discovered a network of saboteurs allegedly responsible for a series of bombings, at least since 1986, and another of spies.

There is conjecture about what will be South Africa's next move in "destabilizing" its northern neighbour — with its telling evidence of a large white population thriving under a black government.

Ironically, a prime concern stems from the rapid moves to peace in south-western Africa, affecting Angola, Namibia and South Africa. The new situation might, Mr Mugabe has said, make South Africa feel "much more seriously threatened. They might actually intensify their destabilization activities, which would mean sabotaging us".

Mr Mugabe was expressing the somewhat unbrotherly hope, known to be held in Zimbabwean military circles, that the war in Angola and Namibia would continue, and continue to tie up South Africa's military resources.

Zimbabwe is no match for any open aggression by South Africa. But its very limited support for South African liberation movements appears to be insufficient to motivate Pretoria into more than small clandestine operations.

As for sanctions against South Africa, Mr Mugabe actually initiated action of this sort last year. But he was dissuaded by his Cabinet, and sanctions remain a tactic to be urged on other western nations rather than being implemented by Zimbabwe.

Importers are now strongly advised — at times ordered — to seek crucial commodities from sources other than South Africa, but this has had only a minor impact on trade with South Africa, still accounting for about 20 per cent of all Zimbabwe's trade.

The reopening of the Limpopo railway line to the Mozambican port of Maputo, expected to be capable of handling all the trade of Zimbabwe as well as the equally landlocked states of Botswana and Zambia, will bring relief to Mr Mugabe. It will mean that he will no longer be forced to rely for the movement of his nation's goods on running the gauntlet of South Africa's transport system.

But it will not alter the two countries' basic geographical and economic relations.

The words of the late President Samora Machel of Mozambique may well ring in Mr Mugabe's ears: "You can choose your friends, but you can't choose your neighbours."

Test of a special relationship

Diplomats in Harare often comment that their British counterparts have "the smile of the cat that got the cream". British diplomats here represent the nation which receives bitter criticism, for failing to take stronger action against South Africa, that is only surpassed by that heaped on South Africa itself.

Yet the unruffled manner of the High Commission persists; and in April President Robert Mugabe stopped over in London for "full, fruitful and cordial" discussions with Mrs Thatcher.

The unexpectedly businesslike relationship stems from the connection between former colonial power and colony, and a few canny political moves.

Britain is Zimbabwe's largest aid donor, much of it going to agricultural projects, commodity import programmes, tsetse fly eradication, technical cooperation and the provision of expertise and training.

But two projects stand out — the British Military Advisory Training Team (BMATT), and the decision to back the reconstruction of a 330-mile railway line through Mozambique. The political detachment of British officers and NCOs is often cited as a crucial factor in the relative ease of amalgamation of the guerrilla armies of Mr Mugabe and Joshua Nkomo with the remnants of the Rhodesian army.

BMATT has also been responsible for retraining the Fifth Brigade of the Zimbabwe National Army, originally trained by North Koreans and deployed in Matabeleland, where it won a horrifying reputation for atrocities.

BMATT is closely involved in running the ZNA staff college in Harare and the Zimbabwe Military Academy in Gweru, as well as training Mozambican troops at the Nyanga battle school.

The Limpopo railway line to Maputo was closed in 1984 because of attacks and sabotage by the rebel Mozambique National Resistance (Renamo) and lack of maintenance, with the result that the volume of Zimbabwe's trade passing through South Africa shot up from about 50 per cent to 97 per cent.

Concern grew as it was realized that the other route to the sea, the Beira corridor, would by no means be capable of diverting a significant volume of goods from South Africa.

Last August, unannounced, gangs from the National Railways of Zimbabwe began working southwards from the border at the Chicualacuala railhead town on a complete reconstruction programme.

Britain had taken the leap and decided, with Zimbabwean urging and British military advice that the line was far more defensible than Beira, to commit £14 million for the line's rehabilitation.

The first phase in the programme is now completed, and Canada, the United States and West Germany have followed suit for the second phase.

As far as sanctions are concerned, Britain has fallen a long way behind Australia, Canada, the United States, several EEC nations, and in particular the Nordic countries, in taking economic measures against South Africa. But British representatives argue that support on issues like military training and the Limpopo line make up for what Britain does not do by way of sanctions.

Start of a dialogue

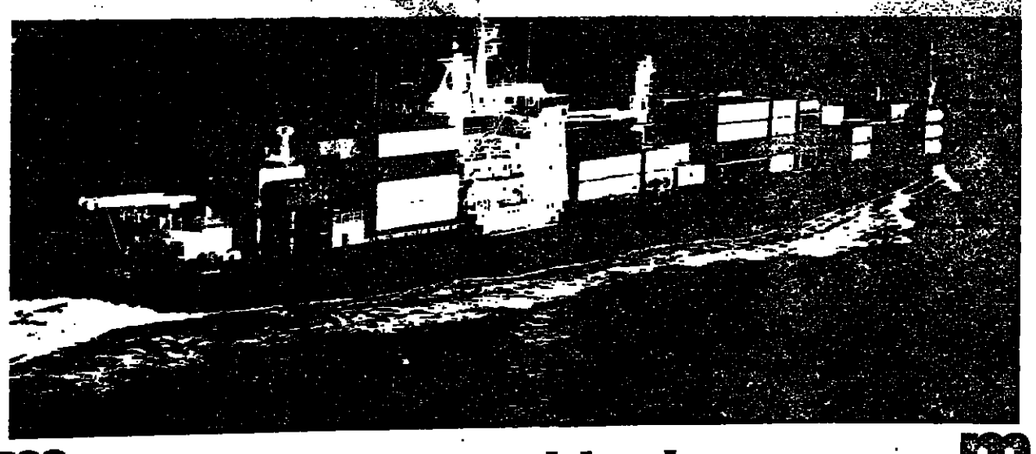
Zimbabwean officials concede that Mrs Thatcher has a way of "putting her money where her mouth is", even if they disagree on other issues. Dr Nathan Shamuyarira, the Foreign Minister, said in April that Zimbabwe and Britain now "agree to disagree" on issues like sanctions.

Dr Shamuyarira's appointment in January is regarded as having been a turning point. An urbane former newspaper editor, who is also the ruling Zanu party's secretary for information, he has initiated a new openness and dialogue with not only Britain, but other countries as well.

The reserved Mr Mugabe and Mrs Thatcher do not have a warm, personal relationship, but as the April meeting showed, they have plenty of useful business to talk about.

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Danger of putting trust in rainmakers

The coming year looks good for the Zimbabwean economy. It is expected to grow by about 6 per cent, pushing above the 5.5 per cent yearly rate set by the five-year national development plan and ending two years of decline.

Inflation by the year's end is predicted to turn out at 10 per cent, and exports are forecast to rise 20 per cent above last year. Tobacco, the biggest single foreign currency earner, has bounded ahead to achieve record prices of $Zim 4.00 (£1.28) per kg.

Manufacturing is predicted to expand by 5 per cent, agriculture by 40 per cent, and mining production is set to top $Zim one billion (£320 million) for the first time.

However, there are other indicators that undermine the confident outlook. Examination of gross domestic product rates since independence shows that they closely follow rainfall pattern charts — good agricultural seasons stimulate the economy, bad seasons put on the brakes.

Economists are unanimous in warning that reliance on weather patterns, with no apparent strategy to strengthen other sectors and so produce a sustainable growth rate, will weaken the backbone of the economy and escalate severe social problems that are already apparent.

The government has exercised caution in implementing its basic principles of socialism. The economy remains a mixed one, based on free enterprise. But since independence, strategies have been based on a series of ad hoc decisions instituting controls by central government that have only stifled growth.

Economists describe government handling of the economy as being dominated by "interventionists," putting into effect rules initiated largely to curb abuse and covering investment, prices, wages, imports, exports, foreign currency, dismissal of labour, marketing practices and any other sphere of economic activity.

The result is that business-

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men find themselves in a swamp of paperwork the processing of which depends often on the humour of the clerk responsible. Added to that is an all-encompassing system of taxes, duties and excise that make Zimbabwean citizens — classed by the World Bank as lower to middle-income — among the most highly taxed in the world.

"There is a real danger that the boost to the economy provided by higher mining and agricultural exports will diminish in 1989, unless there is a major increase in investment", says Professor Tony Hawkins, head of the business studies department at the University of Zimbabwe.

Investment — still around the minimal level of about Z$50 million (£16 million) since independence — will pick up only if the government provides incentives to investors, instead of setting up what amount to barriers.

The business community is desperate for an economic liberalization programme — though they differ over specific issues within such a plan — to ease import duties that run at an average of 65 per cent and also the restraints on foreign currency allocations.

But progress has been slow. In his 1987 budget, Dr Chidzero announced that a committee to look into liberalization has been set up. Earlier this year, he said it had begun sitting. In July he said it was due to report by the end of the year. The recommendations are to be followed by consideration by a variety of economic committees, and then by the Cabinet itself. Then comes the decision on what to do.

Dr Chidzero has already warned that he will take a "cautious" approach. By contrast, fellow frontline states, Angola and Mozambique, both openly Marxist economies, have already put into practice IMF-inspired restructuring programmes.

It is with this underlying pattern of sluggish bureaucratic response to urgently needed economic decisions, and a general drift in policy, that Dr Chidzero has to handle the high budget deficit, set to reach a record Z$1.14 billion (£365 million) this financial year.

Spending on defence and education is to run to a record Z$1.7 billion (£544 million), 28 per cent of total government spending. It is realized that little can be done about military expenditure in view of threats on the eastern and southern border.

But post-independence policies of "education for all" have long been criticized by western financiers, and even Dr Chidzero has recently hinted at a need for cuts.

But the real sponges soaking up revenue lie in parastatals, this year taking up an estimated Z$135 million (£43 million) to finance losses in state-controlled bodies.

A commission of inquiry set up by Mr Mugabe two years ago has already laid bare the excesses of the National Railways of Zimbabwe (NRZ), Air Zimbabwe and the Zimbabwe Iron and Steel Corporation (Zisco), all of them victims of severe mismanagement. The NRZ and Zisco have had new boards and management appointed, but Air Zimbabwe appears to be allowed to continue to run at will.

In an attempt to rectify the drastic losses of the Cold Storage Commission, the Cabinet in July approved sharp cuts in consumer beef subsidies. After two weeks of public outcry, consumer prices were reduced.

The government had long since decided, in line with constitutional safeguards, against nationalization. Instead, it has adopted a policy of buying majority equities in major companies, and this year set aside Z$81 million (£26 million) for "private sector participation".

The most urgent problem facing the government is that of unemployment, now at 23 per cent. A spiralling rate is not unusual in developing countries, but Zimbabwe's workless are remarkable for their high level of education and their expectations.

With liquidity running higher than ever, the wheels of industry, mining and agriculture tortured for lack of renewal, and would-be investors looking no further than an allowable remittance rate of 50 per cent, government statements asserting that "increased government participation is needed to create employment" are arousing no enthusiasm.

VIKKI KAUFMAN



Hoeing the fields and praying for rain: Zimbabwe's economy is still at the mercy of the seasons

Apathy mars the accord between old rivals

The empty stands at Bulawayo's Barbourfields stadium on Heroes' Day spoke volumes. Only 3,000 people turned up for the day-long celebrations in honour of the fallen of the Liberation War.

In the Midlands city of Gweru, celebrations were cancelled when only 200 — most of them participants — arrived. It was the same in the eastern city of Mutare, at Mutoko in the north-east and Masvingo in the south-east. These four are all strong centres of support for the ruling Zimbabwe African National Union (Patriotic Front).

This display of apathy has cast a pall over the most significant political achievement since independence, the agreement to unite Zanu (pf) with the Zimbabwe African People's Union (Zapu) of Joshua Nkomo. Zanu (pf) is the party of the majority Shonas, while Zapu is supported solidly by the Ndebele-speaking people of western Zimbabwe, about 20 per cent of the population.

But the fact is that the agreement, signed on December 22 last year, ended 25 years of bickering between the two men and their respective supporters, which led frequently to open conflict and caused the violent deaths of thousands.

The unity agreement ended the five-and-a-half years of low-intensity war in Matabeleland. A six-week amnesty that ran out on May 31 saw 114 guerrillas hand in their arms, accounting for certainly all the major rebels known by security forces. No incidents have occurred since then.

Bus services have resumed, government infrastructure has been restored and land prices have picked up sharply. Equally important, peasant and commercial farmers have been able to reap the benefits of soaking rains in the summer that ended a drought that curiously ran concurrently with the insurgency.

A few months before the signing of the agreement, the constitutional provision entrenching 20 seats reserved for the choice of the white electorate was abolished without incident.

But something is clearly amiss in Zimbabwean politics, and the reasons are chiefly economic. Real wages have fallen to the level they were at in 1979. Unemployment is galloping at 23 per cent.

> Many government figures acting against the leadership code

Prices for basic commodities are relatively high, and blue and white-collar workers regularly find themselves out of pocket well before the next wage packet is due.

The new economic pressures on urban and rural poor contrast with a small, but conspicuous middle to upper-income group which owns businesses, farms, bottle stores, hotels, and transport companies, and sports an extravagant life-style.

Many of these are politicians and government administrators acting in open contravention of the leadership code. This list of party ethics prescribes respectable dress and behaviour, and expressly forbids ownership of anything but a modest home or farm, as well as involvement in commerce.

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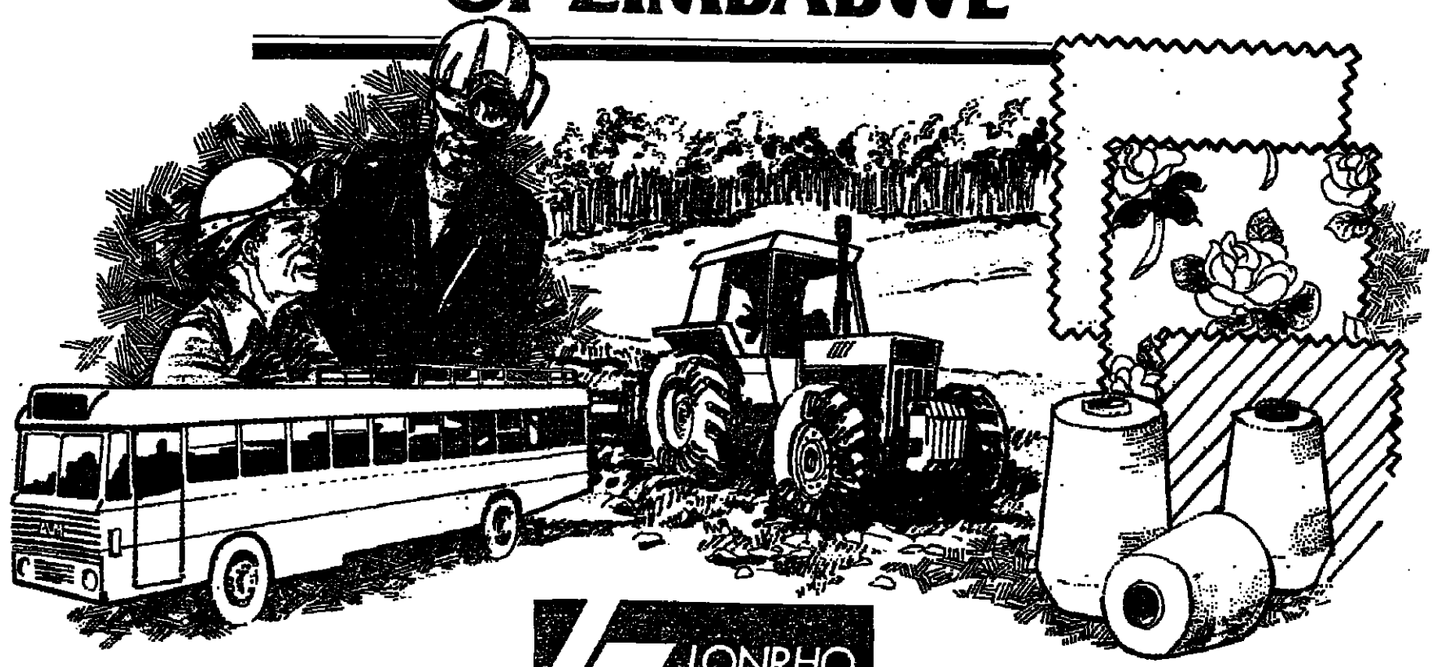
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Street sounds by the Bhundu Boys, one of the many Zimbabwean groups now winning a big following throughout the world

Words bursting with meaning

European audiences generally have no idea of what the songs are about, because they are sung in the Shona vernacular.

They are actually amazingly pedestrian and naive: How cold it is in the Midlands city of Gweru. Long live the *national leaders*. Be true to your girlfriend.

But the words burst with meaning for the denizens of over-crowded Zimbabwean townships. Your bus breaking down in Gweru in midwinter is a bitter experience.

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The sentiments are fresh, and so is the fast, jittery, guitar-picking music.

Enter Comrade Chinx, Stella Chiweshe and the Earthquake Band, the Marxist Brothers, Ilanga, Talking Drum, Devera Ngwena band and several hundred others, mostly playing on borrowed and awful kit music that 20 years ago was plunked out on hand pianos by cowherds.

The Bhundu Boys have shared the bill with Madonna in Wembley stadium and become a household term for British and European music followers. There are about another 300 more bands contracted to the two recording companies, and five or six production studios in Zimbabwe burning to follow.

The hand piano, known in Shona as the "mbira", is usually a rough plank of wood about six ins long, with a few flattened nails fastened down at one end so that the other end can resonate when pressed down with the thumb.

It is played quickly, to a complex double-beat rhythm, and the lack of uniformity of the "keys" provides notes, tones and cadences weird to *western ears*.

The Bhundu Boys used the sound and called it jit jive. It now interweaves with jazz, Afro-jazz, Afro-rock and rhumba, but all goes back to the mbira.

The Zimbabwean music infrastructure is woefully inadequate. Severe constraints on foreign currency put imports of band kit very low on the list of priorities.

But independent production studios have mushroomed recently, several of them run by British *expatriates*.

So Zimbabwean musicians now have a nucleus of relatively well-connected musical entrepreneurs, energetically pushing their work into Europe, and providing them with management that up to now has been almost totally lacking.

In the steps of the great white hunters

For the Ernest Hemingway types, Zimbabwe's Department of National Parks and Wildlife Management has just approved a hunting permit to allow you to bring down an elephant with a bow and arrow.

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The new permit also allows you to kill a buffalo à la Robin Hood, but the kind of lunatic armed only with a bow and arrow and anxious to get within 15 paces of the animal whose cunning arguably makes it Africa's most dangerous beast, falls into a class of his own.

Such entertainments are exclusively for the those with exotic tastes and on the bizarre fringe of a wide spectrum of tourist amenities that have begun to open up in Zimbabwe. These are radically altering the tourist field because of the country's potential for providing holidays far in advance — in *terms of price and variety — of* anything else on the continent.

Africa's main draw for the tourist lies in almost non-stop sunshine, wide open spaces and wildlife. There are limited ways in which these tend to be found. At the top end, you can pay £10,000 for a three-week safari that includes the bagging of lion, elephant and buffalo.

The other main access offered to sun, space and wildlife, and within the range of middle-income earners, is in the form of package tours that mean staying in hotels and joining zebra-striped minibus laagers around the nearest reported lion kill, bumper-to-haunch with the dining pride, and punctuating the growls with the chatter of camera shutters.

But during the past two years, Zimbabwe's Wildlife Producers' Association, a branch of the Commercial Farmers' Union, have been moving out of maize, tobacco and beef production to provide a welcome alternative to the mass safari.

Within a few months, passengers arriving at dawn on the London flight will be able to move straight out of immigration at Harare airport and head, not for the nearest five-star hotel, but for a thatched bungalow 30 minutes' drive from the airport. There they will be able to recover from jet-lag at a farm, soothed by the cooing of doves, then eat a lunch of roast wildebeest (gnu), and later take a stroll among small herds of antelope to a cave of Bushman paintings.

A growing industry is the mini-safari, offering photographic safaris, game bird and water fowl shooting, and bow-hunting (antelope are not in the same league as buffalo and elephant, and the anti-hunting consider bow-hunting preferable to the use of firearms, giving the animal a wider margin of survival).

For the less sanguine, farms offer safaris where visitors are trundled around in a wagon, sampling the life of early settlers, without the attendant horrors of blackwater fever and *marauding tribes*.

European politicians and administrators visiting Zimbabwe are inevitably given a tour of a "typical" commercial farm. The response proved sufficiently enthusiastic to motivate several farmers to provide a "farm safari" package for visitors.

Zimbabwean commercial farms are among the largest in the world. Almost anywhere the scenery provided by several thousand acres of bush — only a small part of it devoted to cropping — is wild, rugged and protected from the ravages of human *settlement*.

It is unusual to find a farm without at least a few antelope and baboons. If there are antelope, at least some of the smaller predators will be there.

In the remoter regions, they are as big as lion. Leopard have prospered to the point where they are regarded almost as vermin. Elephant trunk casserole is not an uncommon menu item on some estates. In an attempt to protect black rhino from poaching in the Zambezi valley, about 140 of them have been shifted to safer ground, a large proportion to private commercial game farms.

The switch from crop or livestock farming is a costly operation, involving the provision of lodges and *services for visitors, fencing and the* purchase of "stock". But it also makes solid conservation sense, since wildlife belong to and prolong the ecosystem they live on, unlike livestock, which concentrate destructively on one small part.

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Luxembourg

Council approval of UK move to recover more VAT valid

Direct Cosmetics Ltd and Laughtons Photographs Ltd v Commissioners of Customs and Excise
Joined Cases 138 and 139/86
Before Judge G. Bosco, acting as President and Judges O. Due, G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, T. Koopmans, U. Everling, K. Bahlmann, Y. Galmot, C. N. Kakouris, R. Joliet, T. F. O'Higgins and F. A. Schockweiler
Advocate-General J. L. Da Cruz Vilaça
(Opinion January 27, 1988)
[Judgment June 22]

The system of value-added tax was concerned principally with objective effects, whatever the intentions of the taxable person might be and therefore it was permissible to adopt a derogation from the basic rules set out in article 11 of the Sixth VAT Directive, in order to deal with a particular business practice, *even where that practice* was followed, not with any intention of obtaining a tax advantage but for commercial reasons.

Direct Cosmetics Ltd was a company specializing in direct sales of cosmetic products which could not be sold on the ordinary retail market. The cosmetics consisted of surplus stocks, discontinued lines and products which were wrapped or packaged for a particular occasion, such as Christmas, but which could not be sold by the date upon which the occasion occurred.

Direct Cosmetics bought those products at low prices and sold them in hospitals, factories and offices through agents who sold the products at the company's catalogue price but who might retain a 20 per cent discount provided that the sale price was paid to the company within 14 days.

The turnover of all of the company's agents was below the minimum laid down by United Kingdom legislation above which a person was liable to VAT.

Laughtons Photographs Ltd was a company which specialized in taking photographs of classes and individual children at school. At the beginning of each year, its representatives visited the schools in order to solicit orders for photographs.

During the year bookings were made and one of the company's photographers went to the school in order to take individual and class photographs. The company sold the photographs to the schools, which then sold them to parents.

No VAT was charged on the turnover generated by the schools.

As a result of those two sales schemes, the final taxable base for the purposes of VAT was not the final value of the sale to consumers. Consequently no tax was paid on the difference between the final price and the price previously charged.

In order to deal with that form of tax avoidance, a measure was provided for derogating from article 11 A 1(a) of Council Directive 77/388/EEC of May 17, 1977 on the harmonization of the laws of the member states relating to turnover taxes — common system of VAT: uniform basis of assessment (OJ 1977 No L 145, p1) ("The Sixth Directive").

That measure now constituted paragraph 3 of Schedule 4 to the Value Added Tax Act 1983. In accordance with article 27 of the Sixth Directive the UK requested the Council's authorization to introduce that provision.

Paragraph 3 of Schedule 4 was authorized by Council Decision No 85/369/EEC of June 13, 1985 (OJ 1985 No L 199, p60) which was adopted in accordance with the tacit approval procedure provided for in article 27(4) of the Sixth Directive.

On the basis of that paragraph, and following the grant of authorization to the UK, the Commissioners of Customs and *Excise issued a direction to each* of the two companies, worded in identical terms, to the effect that the value by reference to which VAT was to be charged on any taxable supply of goods by the companies to persons who were not taxable persons or which were to be sold by retail was to be taken to be its open market value on a sale by retail.

The two companies appealed against those directions to the London VAT Tribunal on the ground that they were invalid in as much as they were outside the limits of the aims referred to in article 27(1) of the Sixth Directive as was the Council's authorizing decision of June 13, 1985.

The London VAT Tribunal stayed the proceedings and referred to the Court of Justice of the European Communities a number of questions which were the same in both cases.

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held as follows:

The questions raised by the tribunal might be grouped together for the purposes of the answers to be given by the Court.

Question (a)

The tribunal sought in substance to ascertain whether article 27(1) of the Sixth Directive permitted the adoption of a derogating measure such as that at issue, where the taxpayer carried on business in a certain manner not with any intention of obtaining a tax advantage but for commercial reasons.

The concept of tax avoidance as expressed in article 27(1) of the Sixth Directive was a concept of Community law. Hence the definition of that concept was not left to the discretion of the member states.

The wording of article 27, in all the language versions, drew a distinction between the concept of avoidance, which represented a purely objective phenomenon, and that of evasion, which involved an element of intent.

That distinction was confirmed by the historical background to article 27 and was in conformity with the principle governing the system of VAT according to which the factors which might lead to distortions of competition at national and Community level were to be eliminated and a tax which was as neutral as possible and covered all the stages of production and distribution was to be imposed.

It followed that the system of VAT was concerned principally with objective effects, whatever the intentions of the taxable person might be.

Question (b)

The second question sought to ascertain whether article 27(1) permitted the adoption of a measure such as that at issue which was applicable to some, but not to all, taxable persons who sold to non-taxable re-sellers.

Undertakings which had recourse to methods of trading such as those of Direct Cosmetics and Laughtons were not all of the same size in the commercial sector and, in particular, were not all equally significant from the point of view of the effects of their methods on the functioning of the system of VAT.

Thus, if the business of an undertaking consisted primarily or to a large extent in selling to non-taxable re-sellers, failure to apply the derogating measures adopted in order to prevent certain types of tax avoidance would lead to substantial and continuing losses of tax revenue and to a distortion of competition.

However, the position would be different in the case of an undertaking which was a taxable person and sold goods only occasionally and to a limited extent to non-taxable re-sellers.

In order to deal with differing economic situations, article 27(1) left to the member states a discretion to adapt measures derogating from the Sixth Directive to the specific purpose for which they were adopted.

To that end, different treatment might be allowed in so far as it was justified by objective circumstances.

Questions (c) and (d)

Those questions raised the issue of the validity of the authorizing decision on procedural and substantive grounds respectively.

With regard to the first, the Court found that no procedural defects of such a kind as to affect the validity of the Council's tacit decision authorizing the derogating measure requested by the UK had been disclosed.

With regard to the substance the appellants in the main proceedings maintained that the authorization granted to the UK was disproportionate to the aim pursued, in particular, in that that aim might be achieved, *inter alia*, through the application of article 24 of the Sixth Directive, which conferred on the member state the option of applying simplified procedures for charging and collecting the tax to small undertakings.

That article conferred on the member states a broad power to assess whether, and under what conditions, it was necessary to introduce flat-rate schemes, or other simplified procedures for charging and collecting the tax, in the case of small undertakings.

Accordingly, the fact that a member state had not, for reasons of its own, exercised that option could not be regarded as an obstacle which precluded recourse to the possibility of applying for authorization to introduce measures derogating from the Sixth Directive in accordance with article 27 thereof.

The appellants also argued that the measure in question discriminated against them in favour of small undertakings which benefited from the application of the derogating measure in question since they were exempt from the tax while collecting it from the final consumer.

That argument could not be upheld since article 24 pursued a purpose which was quite different and which precluded any comparison of the situation in the present cases.

The appellants further maintained that the derogating measures in question imposed taxation on moneys never received by the taxable person.

In that regard it was to be pointed out that the objective of the measure under consideration was to prevent a systematic loss of tax revenue, resulting from a specific sales method applied consistently by undertakings of a certain size.

In the light of that objective it could not therefore be claimed that the measure was disproportionate to the aim pursued.

With regard to the argument alleging that the measure in question had the effect of distorting competition, it had to be pointed out that it was precisely the absence of such a measure that would perpetuate a distortion of competition to the detriment of undertakings whose sales schemes were structured differently.

Finally, the applicants in the main proceedings maintained that the authorization granted to the UK did not provide a clear definition of the taxable base under the system established by the derogating measure.

The concept of open market value, which had been adopted as the taxable base under the system established by the derogating measure authorized by the Council, was to be interpreted in the context of the provisions of article 27 of the Sixth Directive, on the basis of which that measure was authorized.

The open market value for the purposes of the system established by the derogating measure was to be understood as meaning the value that was closest to the commercial value on the sale by retail, that is to say, the actual price paid by the final consumer.

That interpretation was supported by article 11 A 1(d) of the Sixth Directive which referred to the open market value of the services supplied, and by article 11 B 1(b) which referred to the open market value, in connection with the importation of goods, where no price was paid or where the price paid or to be paid was not the sole consideration for the imported goods.

Accordingly, the concept of open market value was neither vague nor imprecise.

On those grounds the European Court ruled:

1 Article 27(1) of the Sixth Directive permitted the adoption of a measure derogating from the basic rule set out in article 11 A 1(a) of that Directive even where the taxable person carried on business in a certain manner, not with any intention of obtaining a tax advantage but for commercial reasons.

2 Article 27(1) of the Sixth Directive permitted the adoption of a derogating measure, such as that at issue in the main proceedings, which applied only to certain taxable persons among those selling goods to non-taxable re-sellers, on condition that the resultant difference in treatment was justified by objective circumstances.

3 Consideration of the question raised had disclosed no factors of such a kind as to affect the validity of Council Decision No 85/369 of June 13, 1985 authorizing a derogating measure requested by the United Kingdom.

Italy fails in attempt to justify ban on distribution of imported pasta made with common wheat

3 Glocken GmbH and Another v USL Centro-Sud and Another
Case 407/85
Zoni
Case 90/86
Before G. Bosco, acting as President and Judges O. Due, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, T. Koopmans, U. Everling, K. Bahlmann, C. N. Kakouris, R. Joliet, T. F. O'Higgins and F. A. Schockweiler
Advocate-General: G. F. Mancini
(Opinion April 26, 1988)
[Judgment July 14]

A general prohibition of the distribution of imported pasta manufactured from common wheat or from a mixture of common wheat and durum wheat was contrary to the principle of proportionality and could *not be justified* on grounds of the protection of public health under article 36 of the Treaty or other mandatory requirements.

3 Glocken, a German pasta manufacturer, and Mr Zoni, an Italian wholesaler, had each imported into Italy pasta made from a mixture of common wheat and durum wheat. 3 Glocken was fined by the Unità Sanitaria Locale (local health inspectorate) for infringement of article 29 of Law No 580 of July 4, 1967 regulating the production and distribution of pasta for human consumption.

3 Glocken brought an action for the annulment of that fine before the Pretore (local judge), Bolzano. Criminal proceedings were brought before the Pretore, Milan, against Mr Zoni for infringement of the same provision.

That article provided for the exclusive use of durum wheat in the industrial manufacture of dried pasta. Article 36 of the pasta law prohibited the sale in Italy of dried pasta manufactured from common wheat or from a mixture of common wheat and durum wheat. That prohibition also applied to imports.

3 Glocken in its action and Mr Zoni in his defence each argued that article 29 of the pasta law was incompatible with article 30 of the EEC Treaty. The two courts concerned therefore each stayed their proceedings and referred a question to the Court of Justice of the European Communities for a preliminary ruling on the compatibility of those two provisions.

In its judgments the European Court of Justice held as follows:

(a) The existence of an obstacle to the free movement of goods

In the light of the Court's well established case law (Case 8/74 *Procureur du Roi v Dassonville* ([1974] ECR 837) and Case 120/78 *Rewe v Bundesmonopolverwaltung für branntwein* ([1979] ECR 649)) it was clear that a prohibition of the sale of pasta made from common wheat or from a mixture of common and durum wheat constituted an obstacle to the importation of such pasta lawfully produced in other member states.

It therefore remained to be seen whether that obstacle might be justified by reasons relating to the protection of public health within the meaning of article 36 of the Treaty or by other mandatory requirements.

(b) Protection of public health

According to the Italian Government substantial consumption of the chemical additives and colorants frequently used in the manufacture of pasta from common wheat might have damaging effects on human health.

However, in response to a question put by the Court, the Italian Government admitted that it had no information enabling it to maintain that pasta made from common wheat or from a mixture of common wheat and durum wheat necessarily contained chemical additives or colorants.

A general prohibition of the distribution of imported pasta made from common wheat or from a mixture of common wheat and durum wheat was, therefore, in any event, contrary to the principle of proportionality and was not justified by reasons relating to the protection of public health within the meaning of article 36 of the EEC Treaty.

(c) Mandatory requirements

Although it was legitimate to wish to give consumers who associated particular characteristics with pasta made exclusively from durum wheat the possibility of making their choice in accordance with that fact, such a possibility could be ensured by means which did not restrict the importation of products lawfully manufactured and distributed in other member states.

Moreover, the Italian legislature might provide not only for the listing of ingredients in accordance with the Council Directive on the labelling and the presentation of foodstuffs (OJ L 33 of February 8, 1979, p1) but in addition, nothing prevented it from limiting the designation "pasta made from durum wheat flour" to pasta manufactured exclusively from durum wheat.

It was objected that proper labelling relating to the nature of the product offered for sale would not suffice to make Italian consumers sufficiently attentive to the nature of the pasta which they bought given that, for them, "pasta" meant a product made exclusively from durum wheat.

That objection could not be upheld. On one hand the term "pasta" was used by the Italian legislature itself in order to designate products which were made from common wheat or from a mixture of common wheat and durum wheat, namely fresh pasta and pasta intended for export.

On the other hand article 29 determined what was meant by "pasta made from durum wheat flour" which demonstrated that, taken alone, the word "pasta" was of a generic nature and in no way implied that only durum wheat had been used in the production of that pasta.

It was also argued that by ensuring a market for arable farmers who cultivated durum wheat, the pasta law was complementary to the common agricultural policy in the cereal sector.

The abolition of the pasta law would lead Italian producers to use common wheat in pasta intended for the Italian market which would thereby progressively deprive durum wheat of its outlets, and which would in turn lead to the disappearance of durum wheat growing in the areas of the Mezzogiorno region where it was cultivated.

It was necessary to underline first that it was the extension of the law on pasta to imported products which was at issue and Community law did not require the legislator to repeal the law so far as producers of pasta established on Italian territory were concerned.

In addition, as the Court had held in Case 216/84 *Commission v France* (*The Times* February 24, 1988), once the Community had established a common organization of the market in a given sector, member states were bound to refrain from any unilateral measure, even if it was intended to support the common policy of the Community. It was for the Community, and not for a member state to seek a solution to the problem in the context of the common agricultural policy.

Finally, it appeared from statistics provided to the Court that the market share enjoyed by pasta made exclusively from durum wheat in other member states where such pasta was already subject to competition from pasta made using common wheat, was constantly increasing.

In those circumstances it appeared that the fears expressed by the Italian Government with regard to the disappearance of durum wheat cultivation were groundless.

On those grounds, the European Court ruled:

The extension to imported products of a prohibition of selling pasta obtained from common wheat or from a mixture of common wheat and durum wheat, as contained in the Italian law on pasta for human consumption was incompatible with articles 30 and 36 of the Treaty.

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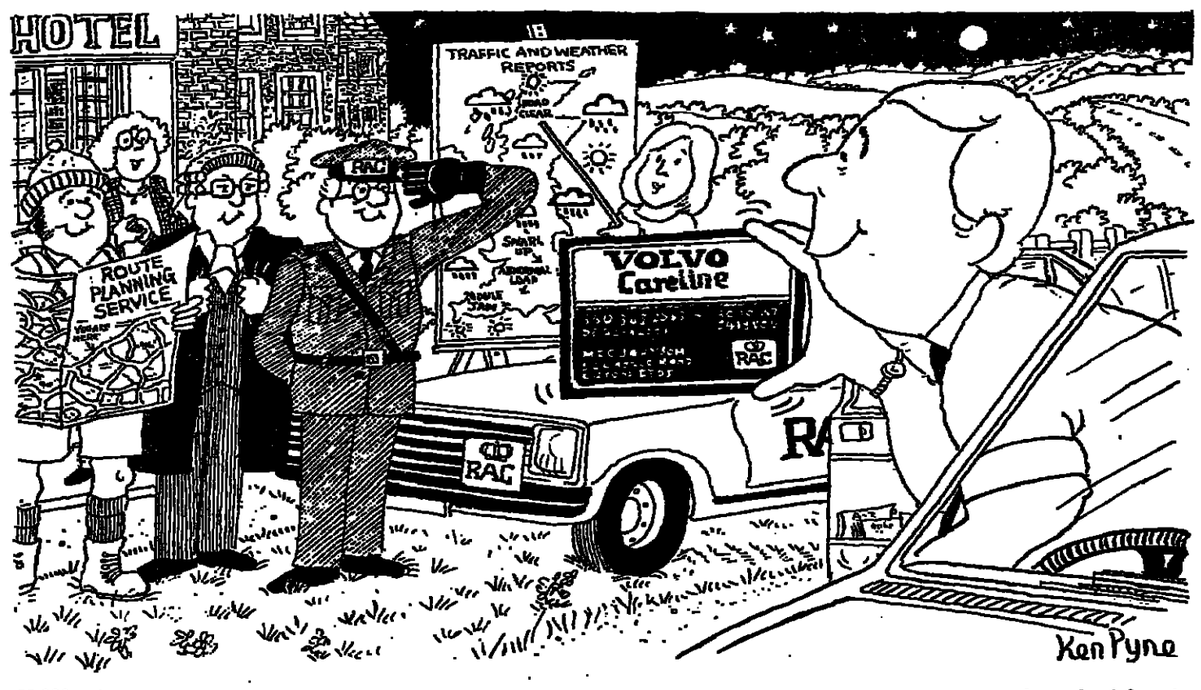
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A winning way by warranty



Warranties are now a marketing tool; some have built-in customer loyalty to a dealer's workshop

The written guarantee for a central heating boiler or domestic kettle is rarely read closely and likely to be thrown into a drawer and forgotten, but today's new car warranty is much more than a cursory obligation to the hapless owner whose machine fails, *writes Daniel Ward.*

Warranties are the latest marketing tool for car manufacturers. Treat the customer well and it reinforces the quality image of the car, is the idea. Then, make that treatment dependent on the owner servicing the vehicle at the marque's own dealers and you have improved customer loyalty.

The theory is that if the customer has been pampered during two or three years of ownership, he or she will need a pretty strong reason to buy a different make the next time round.

In America, Chrysler started the spiral in warranties to polish up its poor reputation for reliability, offering a five-year and 50,000-mile guarantee for major mechanical parts. This has recently been improved to seven years and 70,000 miles.

Audi has gone one step better and offers three-year free servicing and warranty.

Three years and 36,000 miles is the norm for the US market, including Jaguar, BMW, Mercedes, Range Rover and Rover Sterling, though in Britain owners of the same models receive only the familiar 12 months unlimited mileage warranty.

Predictably, the manufacturers claim that they offer the warranty demanded by the market, though it begs the question of how we make a three-year warranty the norm in Britain.

Tying the owner to the manufacturer's dealers takes many forms. "Ford and Ford dealers care about quality," it says in the owner's handbook, and any repair using a Ford genuine part is covered by a lifetime guarantee. You only pay once for the repair. Let your local non-Ford garage take a look at a problem and the guarantee is null and void.

Four years ago, Mitsubishi introduced a three-year warranty with unlimited mileage specifically to help dealers retain their customers.

If the cars are reliable the cost to the manufacturer is low.

Volvo has taken the bravest line yet in looking after customers while at the same time guaranteeing dealers steady business from loyal customers.

Its Lifetime Care plan, introduced in 1987, gives owners all the benefits of a normal 12-month warranty but for the entire life of the vehicle. The guarantee is also transferable to the next owner. The only rider is that Volvo dealers service the car regularly. Take it to a non-Volvo dealer once and the guarantee is cancelled.

Volvo has also added Careline, at no cost, to give owners a 24-hour recovery and assistance service, whether the owner has crashed the car or simply lost the keys.

Almost as comprehensive is VW/Audi's free scheme which provides a full recovery service for six years.

While one service away from the marque's dealer will see you banished from the Volvo scheme, the German manufacturer will allow you back into the fold once the car has been serviced again by a recognized dealer.

Toyota's top-tier warranty can be extended to five years or 100,000 miles and includes the cost of routine servicing. A Camry owner covering 12,000 miles a year would pay £790, which covers everything from labour costs to spark plugs, though the motorist is liable for items such as tyres and brake pads.

Warranties offered by the prestige manufacturers compare unfavourably with this level of attention. They will doubtless improve when the makers feel they must, though not before.

Unless you own a Rolls-Royce there is no question of the extended second and third year warranty coming for no extra charge with your executive car. A Rover 800 owner will pay a maximum of £390 for the additional two years and will receive both a full warranty and full AA membership.

Rivaling this, the Audi cost is £495 and a top-of-the-range Mercedes £690. The Jaguar owner, however, must pay a substantial £865 — and it would take a pretty pessimistic view of the car's reliability to make such a charge economic from the owner's view.

Among more popular marques there are significant differences in the small print of warranties. Austin Rover is the only major manufacturer providing one year's AA membership and roadside recovery with new cars (worth about £50 a year). Extended warranty cover for the second and third years can be bought. On the debit side, Austin Rover's six-year rust warranty requires annual checks by the dealer, as do BMWs; it is only free if part of a normal service.

Rather better is VW's three-year guarantee against paint defects, in addition to the familiar six-year rust warranty which require no checks; all Audis are now covered by a 10-year rust warranty.

All makers claim to have eliminated the once notorious grey areas of warranties so that customers are no longer charged for curing annoying rattles and other faults which border on the edge of being a "manufacturing defect".

Ford and Vauxhall offer two levels of extended warranty cover and only with the most expensive is there roadside recovery.

ROADWISE

Ford today announces a package of improvements, at no extra cost, for Escort and Orion models. They include a new 1.3 HCS (high compression swirl) petrol engine and an increase in capacity of the diesel engine from 1.6 to 1.8 litres. There are also extensive internal modifications.

Both models have new front bumpers and radiator grilles together with extra fittings as standard. The Escort/Orion L models, which represent more than 40 per cent of sales, have nearly £400 worth of improvements including a sun roof. The biggest improvement for many, however, is one which can be easily overlooked — a new variable ratio rack and pinion steering system which will make life less tiring for Escort/Orion owners without power assisted steering.



The new Mercedes 190, features of which are the rear air dams and sideskirts

Facelift for Mercedes 190

A facelift version of Mercedes' smallest model, the 190, will reach British showrooms this winter. When it was launched five years ago, the 190 pioneered the new slimmer style since repeated on larger models.

Five years is nothing in the lifecycle of a Mercedes so it comes as no great surprise that the latest changes are all in the nature of refinement.

Externally, the most noticeable differences are the new front and rear air dams and sideskirts, all colour-matched to the rest of the car, like the more expensive 230 and 300 CE coupés and top-of-the-range S-class.

Inside, the changes are less obvious but more important.

Now there's more leg room in the back and, surprise, the maker's new policy is for softer seats

The major criticism levelled at the 190 has been the lack of legroom in the rear. By redesigning the cross-member below the rear bench seats, the rear wall, the floor above the rear axle and the shape of the petrol tank, additional space has been created without reducing boot size.

The front and rear seats have also been considerably modified to make them softer but with more side support for cornering. The increased softness is quite a change of policy.

For more than 20 years Mercedes has insisted that the rest of the motor industry was out of step and would eventually have to copy its insistence ideas on firm seats.

The 190 "flagship", the 2.3-litre with the 16-valve Cosworth cylinder head, has been bored out to 2.5 and modified to increase both power and torque.

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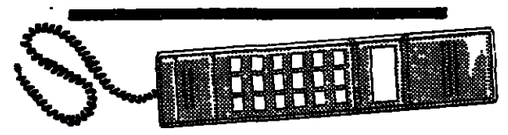
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HOCKEY

Britain reach peak form for a fierce Olympic challenge

By Sydney Friskin

The Great Britain squad sets out for Seoul today for probably the fiercest competition of all time in a vastly different position to when they won a bronze medal at Los Angeles four years ago.

A gold medal would ensure automatic qualification for Great Britain in the 1992 Games at Barcelona, and with commercial interest providing a great opportunity for hockey to develop through sponsorship ambition to do well runs high.

Britain are the second seed, but Roger Self, the team manager, was taking a cautious view of the tasks facing his squad in Seoul.

"I regard every game as an Everest highpoint. If you look at each team in our pool and consider the facts, they've all got an angle to prospective performance," he said.

"Let us start at the bottom with India, who were last in the World Cup. After an uninspiring performance at Ipoh they went to the Nairobi tournament and won it, beating Pakistan twice." Since then, India and Pakistan have shared a six-match series, with two wins each and two matches drawn.

"South Korea, our first opponents in Seoul, won the Asian Games title at home, beating both India and Pakistan and they must be a big danger," Self added.

"Canada proved their capabilities by defeating Argentina in the final of the Pan-American Games and with a little more concentration they might have beaten us recently in Amsterdam." Last month, before the Lada Classic at Luton, Canada scored first but Britain won 3-2.

Although Self did not discuss the Soviet Union and West Germany, the other two teams in Britain's pool, he has often emphasized that, man for man, the Soviet Union are physically stronger than most teams.

West Germany, winners of the Champions Trophy for the past three years, are the biggest threat to Britain's chances of taking first place in the pool. At Eindhoven last week, West Germany won 3-1 against The Netherlands, who turned the tables the next day by winning 2-1.

Of the teams in the other pool, Self highlighted Spain and their ability to spring surprises. Spain beat Britain 2-1 at Amsterdam after a five-minute spell of sudden brilliance.

"Whether they win or not, Spain are going to have a major influence on who reaches the semi-finals," he said. He also praised the resilience of Pakistan, who bounced back to win the gold medal at Los Angeles after being written off by everyone.

Not that Britain are wanting in this commodity. After finishing last in the Champions Trophy tournament at Lahore, where they did not have their best players, they won the Perek invitation tournament at Ipoh, defeating the Soviet Union and South Korea.

In Amsterdam, where Britain drew 2-2 with The Netherlands before defeating them 2-1 at Luton, Britain had reached the peak of their form.

Asked whether the team had been over-prepared, Self said: "Except for the three Southgate players, and Kerly in particular, whom we took to Ipoh, our men have not been over-committed. Batchelor was rested for Ipoh but Dodds, the captain, was there and he also played at Lahore.

"So we have done what we thought was the best. I think that the lay-off for three weeks between the Lada Classic and Seoul will give the team the rest they fully deserve." The squad will spend a week acclimatizing in Hong Kong before moving on to Seoul next Friday.

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OLYMPIC GAMES

A welcome boost for the BOA's finances

By John Goodbody

The British Olympic Association yesterday received £238,762 from Grant Thornton, a firm of chartered accountants, towards the cost of sending and equipping the team for Seoul.

The BOA had to find £2.5 million for the transport and clothing of the 760 competitors and officials, who have already been to the Winter Games in Calgary or will be going to the Summer Games, which begin on September 17.

A further £500,000 is required to ensure the BOA can continue functioning over the next four years, for the Government gives no financial assistance, unlike in most other countries.

Money is still coming in from industry and individuals and Grant Thornton's contribution is a major boost. The sum was raised specifically for the important medical support facilities at the Games.

The 50 offices of Grant Thornton all contributed to the effort by organizing a total of 16 fund-raising dinners — the one in Manchester alone brought in £22,000 — and a further 140 events including aerobic workouts, parties, street parades and golf tournaments. The company also had an Olympic Quiz in *The Times*, with the winners being rewarded with trips to Calgary and Seoul.

A thriving trade for local touts

Seoul (AP) — Police have begun to crack down on the black-market trade in tickets for the Olympic opening and closing ceremonies. Ticket brokers have reportedly been selling £120 seats for the opening ceremony, on September 17, for up to £3,200.

There were nearly a million application for the 20,000 tickets available locally and the recipients were decided by a lottery. More than half the tickets for sporting events have now been sold, but there are plenty remaining for preliminary competitions and demonstration sports.

Local weathermen are predicting overcast skies and unseasonal rain for the period of the Games, with worse in store for Pusan, where the Olympic Regatta will start on September 20. This could well be hit by a typhoon.

A "Home Stay" programme, devised as a means to introduce foreigners to a taste of Korean family life, is not working. Fears of Aids, lack of language skills, and cumbersome demands made by South Koreans on potential guests, mean that only half the 500 places have been filled.

The local committee's director-general for international affairs, Kim Sam-Hoon, said yesterday that with Eastern Bloc nations taking part the subject of defections was a sensitive one, but he denied that the South Korean Government had promised to repatriate all defecting athletes, officials and tourists, and adopted an official policy of refusing political asylum.



Highest Praise (Michael Marshall) is driven out to beat Skolern in the Quintin Gilbey Silver Trophy at York yesterday

Cauthen plans return to keep Arc date with Diminuendo

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

Steve Cauthen, stood down from race-riding for a compulsory three weeks after being concussed in a fall at Goodwood last Friday, hopes to be back in action in time to partner Diminuendo in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp on October 2.

The reigning champion jockey damaged vertebrae in his neck and is waiting to see how the injury progresses before he knows the date of his return. He intends to fly to the United States shortly to stay with his parents in Kentucky, but will be back in Britain before the end of his mandatory suspension.

Meanwhile, with it looking increasingly likely that Pat Eddery will be claimed to ride Assatis for Khalid Abdulla at Doncaster and with Walter Swinburn required to ride Michael Stoute's Goodwood winner, Zaffaran, Michael Roberts is likely to come in for the coveted mount on *Diminuendo* in the final classic.

Other big race news is that Eddery will be riding Dowsing for Abdulla and Jeremy Tree in tomorrow's Vernons Sprint Cup at Haydock as Guy Harwood said yesterday that Warning is likely to miss not only the Haydock race but also the Prix du Moulin at Longchamp the following afternoon.

With conditions underfoot still deteriorating, the chance of Indian Skimmer in Sunday's big race in Dublin, the Phoenix Champion Stakes, is becoming increasingly favoured, and it was interesting to hear that Patrick Biancone may well allow Triptych attempt to repeat last year's victory.

Biancone will work Triptych both on the beach and on the racecourse at Deauville tomorrow before making a decision, although he has already booked a flight to Ireland for the mare.

Intending backers of Ajanac, the 7-1 favourite for the Ladbroke Ayr Gold Cup, are advised to stay their hand. At York yesterday Tree said that the fast-finishing Goodwood runner-up may be re-routed from Ayr to the £50,000 Brent Walker Handicap at the Ascot September meeting.

"The colt finished so strongly at Goodwood that we've got to think that seven furlongs will suit him well," said Tree.

Ascot's rich prize is also now a likely target for Highest Praise after Michael Marshall, Ian Balding's 7lb-claiming apprentice, had once again impressed with a polished performance on Paul Mellon's three-year-old in the Quintin Gilbey Silver Trophy.

"Michael has looked after the horse at home ever since he came into the yard," said the trainer. "Last year he could hardly hold him so it shows how much he has improved. He's got a great future."

Mellon and Balding's chance of landing a double with Hoy in the Monks Cross Stakes vanished when Richard Fox persuaded Kingsfold Flame to produce a quite astonishing burst of speed to win by two lengths.

The Michael Haynes-trained winner, who was backed from 12-1 to 13-2, was winning her third race in succession. Kingsfold Flash, the five-year-old's mother, was bought for only 500 Guineas by Brenda Nye and the service to No Loiterer was only £200.

"Mrs Nye is so keen on racing that she sells flowers from her car-boot at the weekend to help pay her expenses," said the trainer.

The day's big race, the Sun Life Of Canada Garrowby Stakes, saw a thrilling finish as Mark Birch and Sesame resisted the late attack of Jimmy Bleasdale on Apache to win by a short head.

Sesame is trained by David Morley, who now plans to try to win a group race abroad with the three-year-old.

Apache, a gallant runner-up under 9st 3lb, had put up a high class performance as the first two home finished eight lengths clear of Petrullo. "Mr Reed would like him to take his chance in the St Leger," said Chris Thornton, "and I'm sure he won't be disgraced if the ground remains like this."

Michael Stoute and Walter Swinburn had their second winner of the meeting when Pick Of The Pops gained a decisive 1½-length victory over Change Guard in the Avondale New Zealand Stakes.

This was a useful performance by a well-bred filly and Pick Of The Pops could have a bright future for Egon Weinfeld, who has also been the owner of other high-class fillies in One In A Million, Colorspin, Bella Colora and Reprocolor.

Graham looks to Doncaster

Prince Of Dance, one of the joint-favourites for the 1989 Derby, is likely to be Neil Graham's first pattern race runner in next Friday's Laurent Perrier Champagne Stakes at Doncaster (Michael Seely writes).

"The present plan is to take on Thorn Dance in the Champagne," said Graham, yesterday appointed caretaker to Dick Hern at West Ilsley for the remainder of the 1988 Flat season. Graham added that the deteriorating weather conditions would not help Minster Son's attempt to give the stable its sixth success in the St Leger at Doncaster tomorrow week.

Graham was at York yesterday to watch his first runner, Sheikh Mohammed's two-year-old Land Of Gold, finish fifth in the Avondale New Zealand Stakes. The Jockey Club licence had made his licence effective from September 1.

Commenting on his new appointment, the 28-year-old former assistant to John Gosden, said: "It's a tremendous challenge and a great responsibility. I spoke to the Major on the telephone this morning and his voice was strong. He was in very good form."

The licence was transferred to Graham at Hern's request, but the move is seen as only temporary. Hern's wife, Sheilah, said yesterday: "As his medical advisers have recommended that he takes two months rest to recuperate before returning to work, Major Hern, in fairness to his owners, has asked the licensing committee to grant a temporary trainer's licence to Neil Graham for the remainder of the season.

"It is hoped that Major Hern will be fit to resume training towards the end of this year."

This news, and Lord Carnarvon's support, means that further speculation about William Hastings-Bass taking over at West Ilsley in the immediate future is pointless. It must also be stressed that at no time has the Jockey Club been involved in this decision, and the situation of Hern is in no way parallel to those of Fred Winter and Susan Piggott.

Even when in hospital the trainer has kept in close touch with his assistant and the operation has never been run more smoothly than during the present campaign. The whole racing world wishes a speedy recovery and a quick return home to the trainer of such illustrious performers as Brigadier Gerard and Troy, and also of Minster Son and Unfuwain.

BASKETBALL

Hertfordshire club fights on

By Nicholas Harling

The close season has been depressing, with two clubs going to the wall and two others changing identity. One club, however, is putting up a determined fight to keep going.

Hemel and Watford Royals have been beset by financial difficulties and takeover bids over the years. Now a 10-strong consortium has plans to clear the club's outstanding debts, hopefully by Christmas; and then exercise an option to buy out the present owners, Jez Moxey and Andy McGivern.

During the summer, Moxey, who was coach last season, became general manager of the Glasgow-based Linpride Rangers, who have taken over Kingston.

The formation of a consortium was the idea of the Hemel secretary, Janice Leach, the only survivor on the administrative front from last season. The Press officer is Ian Ridley, a member of *The Guardian* sports staff, who read about the plight of his favourite club in a local newspaper.

He said: "I can't promise that there won't be cash flow problems from now on but I am confident we can keep our heads above water and do much more than merely survive. I see no reason why we can't make the top four."

Ridley's optimism was endorsed by the American coach the consortium has just appointed. He is Steve Tucker, whose last job was with Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. In four years under Tucker, aged 32, a devout Christian formerly associated with Athletes in Action, the Sam Houston squad reached the National Collegiate Athletic Association first division, the top division for American college teams. Although Hemel will be run on an extremly tight budget, Tucker, a strict disciplinarian, has proclaimed: "I'm not just looking to survive the season. Before I leave this area I want to have a championship banner hanging from the ceiling.

"I'm not just talking about going to Wembley. I'm talking about winning it. We are going to be class when we walk into the arena, when we play on it and when we leave it. We are going to be intense and we're going to win more games by Christmas than the team won the whole of last year [eight].

"This town is going to be very excited by the team. I may even run for mayor. There will be no individual stars. It will be a team concept totally."

To assist his cause, Tucker has brought with him Lorenzo Duncan, a 6ft 2in guard, a fifth-round draft choice for New Jersey Nets, and Jimmy McGill, a 6ft 9in centre from Mid-Tennessee State University.

Paul Richards, the former Doncaster and Kingston power forward, now fully recovered from a complicated knee problem, has also joined the Royals to strengthen a starting five which should also include Steve Keenan and Mark Smith, once the two England players return from the tournament in Peking, which begins today.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance Championship

11.0 unless stated, 110 overs minimum

SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Gloucestershire.
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Yorkshire (10.30).
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire.
THE OVAL: Surrey v Essex.
HOVE: Sussex v Middlesex.
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Glamorgan.

Tour match

DERBY: Derbyshire v Sri Lankans.

Other match

SCARBOROUGH: World XI v MCC.
SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Cardiff: Glamorgan v Warwickshire; Canterbury: Kent v Lancashire; Market Harborough: Leicestershire v Derbyshire; Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Northampton; Hastings: Sussex v Middlesex; Worcester: Worcestershire v Gloucestershire; Headingley: Yorkshire v Surrey.

FOOTBALL

Barclays League
Fourth division

Tranmere v Colchester (7.30) .....

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Worthing open tournament.
GOLF: WPGA Classic (Calcot Park).
SNOOKER: Fidelity Unit Trust International (Stoke).
SPEEDWAY: National league: Edinburgh v Middlesbrough; Glasgow v Peterborough. Premier division: Junior Championship (Belle Vue).
WATER SKIING: European championships (Pinewood, Reading).

SPORT ON TV

BASEBALL: ITV 4.0-5.0 a.m. (tomorrow) Houston Astros v Pittsburgh Pirates.
RACING: C4 2.30-4.30 p.m. The 2.35, 3.10, 3.40 and 4.10 races from Kempton.

TRY THIS

Paul Maher's suggestion for a sporting weekend

THE GREAT RIVER RACE: For more than 400 years, the company of Watermen and Lightermen have rowed on the River Thames, and their master, Mike Turk, has issued a challenge to race against his shallop, a replica sixteenth-century passenger barge built for the film *A Man For All Seasons*. The challenge is open to any coxed, non-racing, traditional-style boat of five oars or more carrying a passenger. The course is a gruelling 17 miles from Richmond to the Tower of London and the entry is spectacular.

Of the 70 boats competing there will be a Hawaiian outrigger war canoe, two replica Viking longboats from York Museum, Canadian sea-8 canoes of the type North American Indians would have used, and Chinese dragonboats with up to 22 paddlers and a drummer pounding the rhythm. From our own waters there are British Naval whalers and Cornish pilot gigs. Each boat is computer handicapped according to its potential performance to give the crews an equal chance.

How to get there: The race starts from Marble Hill House, Richmond at 8 a.m. tomorrow and the winner is expected at Tower Bridge at 11.30 a.m. After the race there is a pageant of river craft with a fireworks display at 9 p.m. at the London Docklands Boat Show at Heron Quays in the West India Dock.

RUGBY UNION: EUROPEAN TOUR WILL GIVE WALLABIES A TASTE OF 1991 WORLD CUP CONDITIONS

Australia to gamble on youth

From a Correspondent
Sydney

When the Australian selectors choose the party of 30 for their 15-match tour of England, Scotland and Italy in October and November on Monday, uppermost in their thoughts will be the 1991 World Cup.

Traditionally, the Australian selectors have never been shy in taking the odds and chosing raw, youthful talent ahead of older, moderate performers. In more cases than not, the daring selections have paid off handsomely, the classic recent examples being Michael O'Connor, Mark Ella, Steve Tuynman and Matthew Burke.

With the 1991 World Cup to be played in Britain, Ireland and France, the selectors are mindful to expose as many players who will still be playing in three years time to the softer, colder and often muddier conditions.

In electing to push for a handful of rising youngsters, the selectors' cause has been assisted somewhat by the unavailability of Simon Poidevin, through business commitments, and Cameron Lillicrap, who has a knee injury, while Ian Williams, the winger, Brian Smith, a utility back, and Troy Coker, the forward, have all won scholarships to Oxford University.

The unavailability list may swell further as Andy McIntyre, the prop, and Bill Campbell, the lock, have yet to decide whether to tour. Both are unlikely to be available.

Fortunately for Australia, Steve Cutler, the lock who was England's nemesis during their summer tour, is available after stating earlier he would miss the tour. The loose-head prop, Mark Hartill, will be chosen subject to a fitness test on his injured left knee.

Not since Tuynman in 1982 have the national selectors plucked an Australian schools representative out of the competition ranks and chosen him in the senior national team the following year. Jason Little, a Brisbane teenager who plays at centre, is expected to break this drought.

Other new young faces are likely to include Richard Tombs, another centre, Brendan Nasser, a loose forward, Rod McCall, a lock, and Dan Crowley, a prop.

It is expected that at least 20 players chosen will be aged 25 or under; therefore, much responsibility on tour will rest on the shoulders of experienced international players like Nicholas Farr-Jones, the captain, David Campese, Tom Lawton, Tuynman and Cutler.

The Australian Rugby Football Union is concerned that rugby league clubs have expressed interest in several candidates for the tour, particularly the scrum half, Brad Burke, and centre, Michael Cook.

The union has warned that if it discovers, before or after the team is announced, that any touring player has signed a professional contract, he will be instantly dismissed from the team.

Strathallen miss their top players

Schools rugby
by Michael Stevenson

The most ambitious tour undertaken this summer was by Strathallan School, who took 52 players and staff on a world tour. The party was comprised of first and second rugby union XVs and their girls' hockey side.

All three teams found the going hard, especially in Australia, though the tour, was tremendously rewarding. The first team lost all six matches; the second team won one and lost four and the girls just shaded their male colleagues with a win, a draw and five defeats.

Strathallan were unlucky that Chris Boon and Max Adam, their two best players, were touring New Zealand with the Scottish Schools.

Stonyhurst have nine of last year's successful side available and will be captained from by Kieron Cleary, the tight-head prop, and the vice-captain will be Kyron Bracken, the England under-16 stand-off half. But he will be playing scrum half for Stonyhurst, the position in which Kim Norkett, the master-in-charge, believes he excells. Much is expected of Paul Flood, Lancashire's full back.

Stephen Thompson, the Scottish Midlands No. 8, will captain Morrison's Academy and, with ten of last year's side plus five with some first XV experience available, prospects are good, especially as there is plenty of pace and strength in the backs.

St Johns, Leatherhead, will be rebuilding, as they have only five of last year's team back. The side, nevertheless, should be mobile, competitive and possess real pace on the wings.

Brighton College have five forwards and four backs from last year available and they will be captained from lock or back row by S J Grant and expectations for A N T Dunbar, playing centre for his third year, are high.

RESULTS: First XV: (Strathallan first): v Cairn District, 3-13; v Fettvatar School, 6-25; v Scots School, Bathurst, 0-28; v Canberra GS, 3-18; v Scotch Coll, Melbourne, 0-8; v Ratu Navuta HS, Fiji, 6-18.

George fit to play

Newport's captain, flanker Glen George, has recovered from a hamstring injury and is expected to play in Saturday's opening fixture against Coventry.

London Welsh consider ending closed tradition

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The first day of the season was welcomed by pouring rain and — in my case, at least — trees bringing down power lines in a gale. There was also a hint of what the season will bring in terms of the re-organization of club rugby, when London Welsh outlined their ambitions.

The Exiles have appointed a new chief executive, team manager and coach and are revising their approach to the game. They hope these measures will restore lustre to a reputation sadly dimmed in recent years, not least by last season's poor record. It could conceivably lead, too, to the Welsh becoming a totally open club, without even the prerequisite of playing for a club in Wales.

"It may be necessary to relax the rules to stay in the upper echelons," Colin Bosley, the chairman, said. "We want to get back into the first division, where we belong. If we were to be relegated, it would be a disaster."

The Welsh languished in the second division of the Courage Clubs Championship last season but the attitude in training since mid-June has exemplified the words of Peter Yarranton, the Rugby Football Union's junior vice-president, this week when he said that he had never known players preparing so much, so early and with such enthusiasm for the season.

David Crottie, a sports nutritionist from Melbourne with a background in Australian Rules and American Football, has taken charge of fitness for the season and Haydn Morgan, the former Wales and British Lions flanker, takes over the coaching, assisted by Ian George who numbered the Welsh among the many clubs for whom he played during the Seventies and early Eighties.

Morgan, who returned from working in South Africa 18 months ago, promises no miracles. "We will be back to basics for at least two months," he said. "Until we get them right we can't improve upon anything. A lot of the things wrong with Welsh and English rugby is that they have forgotten about the basics.

"South African and New Zealand players protect their own ball well and that's one of the main things we must do. Also we must prepare now for life in the first division. It's no good aiming for promotion and then coming straight back down again. If we have players whom we feel can be better used in different positions, we must start preparing them now."

The Welsh receive a taste tomorrow of life in the first division, since their first game is against Moseley; their first home game — and opening league match — will in fact be played away because their Old Deer Park ground is given over to cricket on September 10, when they meet Blackheath. So they will play that match at the Central London Polytechnic ground in Chiswick.

North to face galaxy of top men at Gateshead

By a Special Correspondent

A strong world XV squad has been selected to face the North of England, the divisional champions, in a charity match at Gateshead on September 18.

The organizers yesterday announced a 17-man squad, but hope to be able to announce the addition of an All Black centre and second row forward at the beginning of next week after the results of important New Zealand inter-provincial matches are known.

The backs include Gavin and Scott Hastings, the Scotland international brothers, Didier Argueil and Alain Salse, of France, Chris Oti, the England winger, and Jonathan Davies and Robert Jones, the Wales half backs.

Phil Orr (Ireland), Gary Callander, the Scotland captain, and Jeff Probyn, of England, form a solid front row. There is also plenty of class in the back two rows of the scrum, with Donal Lenihan, the Ireland captain, Bill Calcraft, of Australia, Mick Skinner (England) Paul Moriarty, the Wales captain, and Alan Tomes and John Jeffrey, of Scotland, named in the squad.

But perhaps the most interesting inclusion is that of Surelli Matevasi, the Fiji international who is now working in Cornwall

SQUAD: Threequarters: G Hastings, S Hastings (both Scot) D Arguel and A Salse (both Fr), C Oti (Eng), J. Davies and R Jones (both Wales). Forwards: P Orr (Ire), G Callander (Scot), J Probyn (Eng), D Lenihan (Ire), M Skinner (Eng), W Calcraft (Aus), P Moriarty (Wales), S Matevasi (Fiji), A Tomes and J Jeffrey (both Scot).

Ted Wood, the chairman of the North Division selectors, also announced the composition of the North threequarter line.

It includes former England right wing and captain Mike Harrison (Wakefield), who has a doubt about his fitness, and John Bentley, Sale's England winger, who is tried in the centre

The threequarter line is: R. Adamson; M. Harrison (both Wakefield), W. Carling (Harlequins), J. Bentley (Sale), R. Underwood (Leicester); R. Andrew (Wasps, G. Doggart (Sale).

The North will wait until after a forward squad session at Morley on Sunday week before announcing the composition of their pack.

No opening for Cronin

Damian Cronin, the Scottish international, cannot find a place in the Bath side away to Pontypool tomorrow, with Nigel Redmond and John Morrison chosen as the second-row pairing. In the centre, Simon Halliday teams up again with Jeremy Guscott, last season's leading try scorer.

Fred Sagoe and Tony Swift are the choices on the wing, ahead of David Trick. Audley Lumsden is preferred to Chris Martin at full back. Martin, who missed most of last season with a shoulder injury, makes his comeback in the second team.

ICE HOCKEY

Devils lead splurge on buying success

By Norman de Mesquita

The unusually early start to the programme this weekend in the Norwich Union Cup and Autumn Trophy sees the usual optimism emitting from all clubs, although there is a trend that is becoming increasingly disturbing.

Cardiff Devils have spent a great deal of money acquiring, among others, the Cooper brothers from Durham Wasps and it rumours abound that Nottingham Panthers have even more money to spend. This leads to a nagging fear that a few, rich clubs could dominate the sport to the detriment of the competition as a whole.

The greatest coup is that engineered by Fife Flyers who have acquired three Czechoslovak players. All have represented their country, although none of them is in the first flush of youth: the youngest being aged 31.

However Garry Unger has proved that class and skill can more than compensate for lack of pace in the British game. Unger, whose last-gasp goal kept Peterborough Pirates in the premier division of the Heineken league will be a non-playing coach this season and, with his experience allied to some judicious signings, the Pirates should have a much better season.

Streatham Redskins appear to have been less sensible and have not re-engaged the coach, Mark Didcott. He made the Redskins more than respectable and brought about a significant improvement in their younger players. His departure could be the greatest mistake the Streatham club has made.

Terry Matthews, last season's outstanding coach, of Whitley Warriors, has been rewarded with the job of coaching the British national team, which returns to world championship competition after a lengthy absence. They will compete in the newly-formed group D to be staged in Belgium in March.

Several clubs have yet to finalise their rosters and will no doubt use the early weeks of the season to assess talent in the hopes of a settled line-up by the time the Heineken league starts in October.

The premier division is unchanged, but the first division has abandoned the unpopular regional experiment and, with the demise of Southampton Vikings and Blackpool Seagulls, will comprise 13 teams, four of which will be relegated.

With the Norwich Union sponsorship assured for a further three years and the final to be staged at the NEC in Birmingham, with Heineken still backing the sport and BBC television promising to give more live coverage, the season starts on a positive note.

Rink reprieve dashed

Hopes that Southampton ice rink might be given a short-term reprieve have been quashed by Mecca Leisure (Michael Coleman writes). At a meeting in London, the company told officers of the city council that the closure was permanent. The ice hockey club, Southampton Vikings and the figure skaters must look elsewhere.

Southampton Vikings have been given until Tuesday to tell the British Ice Hockey Association how they propose playing the season without home ice.

Given goodwill elsewhere, the Vikings' second team and junior sides could play permanently away, but it seems that the first team will have to be dismantled.

Peter Harper, the club secretary, said: "We are still looking for ice space somewhere else, but time is not on our side. Our three Canadian players for this season are sitting by their phones for a decision."

He thought that the Heineken league was now too professionally run to allow this. When Mecca closed Streatham for a year, the London side had used Southampton's rink, then owned by Rank, but those were in the more amateur days.

As well as offering no short-term solution, Mecca said ice rinks were no longer of interest to them. "They said they would build no more in the United Kingdom as they were not profitable enough," Dave Bull, the council's deputy leader, said.

"They agreed Southampton was making money, but this was down on previous years. They were not prepared to put in money to keep it viable."

Bull said Mecca had "closed the door" but the council had a number of options. One was to purchase the site compulsorily because it was an area designated for leisure.

RACING

Glacial Storm poised to underline classic form in Kempton test

By Mandarin

Glacial Storm, placed in two Derbys but without a win to his name this season, can put the record straight in the group three Bonusprint September Stakes at Kempton this afternoon.

His finest hour came at Epsom, when, despite not being totally at ease on the undulating course, he was beaten only 1½ lengths by Kahyasi. He again ran creditably at the Curragh, finishing some 2½ lengths third to Kahyasi and Insan, with the fourth horse another 10 lengths away.

The only serious blot on his record came last time when he was a distant eighth to Mtoto in the King George at Ascot, but it is worth remembering that Barry Hills's Manton stable was not in peak form at that time.

His form, which is closely linked with the best of the classic generation, looks substantially better than that of his rivals. Fridu, representing the Luca Cumani stable which won the race a year ago with Knockando, is improving, but there is a question mark against his stamina and any further softening of the ground would be against him.

Percy's Lass certainly has ability but is difficult to catch in the right mood, and I would be more afraid of Alwuhush, who stays well and has run respectably in good-class races at Goodwood and York on his two latest starts.



Barry Hills: trains Glacial Storm (Kempton, 3.40)

Although Cumani may have to settle for a minor place with Fridu, he should be on the mark with New Trends, who made an eye-catching seasonal debut last month.

She stayed on strongly to finish threequarters of a length second to the useful Dabaweyaa at Sandown, and this extra two furlongs should be in her favour. Rumoosh, successful under a fine ride from Walter Swinburn at Salisbury last month, is the probable danger.

Access Travel, the easy winner of a Newmarket nursery last Saturday, can take the Bonusprint Sirenia Stakes. Before that win he had contested the group one Prix Morny at Deauville, where he was reportedly unlucky in running when seventh to Tersa.

Blinkers seemed to improved him further, and he may be too strong for another promising colt, Rasheek.

Modesty On Ice's Windsor second to Park Street looks all the better following the winner's success at Goodwood, but I feel Farewell Song may be the answer to the Arion Fillies' Handicap.

She was a good winner at York in May and ran a creditable second to Storm Kitty in an Ascot handicap the following month. Her defeat last time was over seven furlongs and she should be suited by this return to a mile.

Sunshine Coast, disqualified after finishing first at Newmarket last Saturday, can gain swift compensation in the Euclid Handicap. She was the winner on merit that day, coming home 1½ lengths clear of Precious Platinum, and this looks no more difficult.

In a tricky race for the Geoffrey Hamlyn Handicap I side with the top-weight Single. This season has been in stark contrast to last, when he won five times, but he showed signs of a return to form with a fourth to Wretham at Newbury last time.

Any further easing of the ground will be in his favour, and with Pat Eddery, who gets on so well with the six-year-old, back in the saddle I nominate him as the nap.

Vanished Land appeals as the best bet at Haydock in the Jack Rubin Stakes. After a promising second to stablecompanion Citidancer at Newmarket he was an emphatic three-length winner of a Beverley maiden. He can improve further.

KEMPTON PARK

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.05 SINGLE (nap).	2.05 Winking Winner.
2.35 New Trends.	2.35 New Trends.
3.10 Access Travel.	3.10 Access Travel.
3.40 Glacial Storm.	3.40 PERCY'S LASS (nap).
4.10 Farewell Song.	4.10 Modesty On Ice.
4.40 Sunshine Coast.	4.40 Sunshine Coast.

By Michael Seely

2.35 New Trends. 3.10 ACCESS TRAVEL (nap). 4.10 Modesty On Ice.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.10 ACCESS TRAVEL.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J – jumps. F – flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: soft **Draw: 5f-6f, high numbers best**

2.5 GEOFFREY HAMLYN HANDICAP (£3,449: 1m) (10 runners)

102	(1)	060P34	SINGLE 21 (D,F,G,S) (A Lansley) W Wightman 6-9-10	Pat Eddery	97
104	(3)	01144	SAMYA'S FLAME 22 (BF,F) (Sheikh A Al-Maktoum) L Cumani 3-9-8	R Cochrane	91
105	(8)	53221	JOHNS JOY 22 (D,F) (R Bastian) D Elsworth 3-8-7	J Reid	91
106	(9)	305512	HOORAY LADY 29 (D,BF,F,G) (British Thoroughbred Plc) G Balding 4-9-2	J Williams	97
109	(5)	45466	LOTS OF LUCK 6 (B) (T Klaveness) E Eldin 5-8-12	A Mackay	93
117	(7)	043040	NEBULA WAY 51 (P Vela) J Dunlop 3-8-2	B Rouse	92
119	(10)	136032	WINKING WINNER 11 (BF,G,S) (W Saig) N Callaghan 3-8-1	Paul Eddery	97
121	(2)	220000	NUMISMATIST 8 (F,G) (Miss A Whatley) M Francis 9-7-12	R Street	85
122	(4)	04-4161	VANROY 6 (D,G) (Mrs J Small) J Mackie 4-7-7 (5ex)	G Hind (5)	98
123	(5)	4-30000	MILAN FAIR 94 (A Richards) C Austin 4-7-7	A Munro (5)	98

Long handicap: Milan Fair 7-5.

BETTING: 9-2 Hooray Lady, 5-1 Single, 11-2 Vanroy, 6-1 Johns Joy, Samya's Flame, Winking Winner, 8-1 Nebula Way, 10-1 others.

1987: STOCK HILL LASS 5-8-6 N Adams (4-1) L Cottrell 10 ran

FORM SINGLE (9-2) best effort when just over a neck 3rd to Kingsfold Flame (8-12) at Ascot (1m hcap, £7,908, good to soft, July 23, 14 ran).
JOHNS JOY (8-11) 1l winner from Suntrap (9-4) at Salisbury (1m, £3,402, firm, Aug 11, 6 ran) with SAMYA'S FLAME (8-4) 1¼l 4th.
LOTS OF LUCK (8-9) about 5½l 6th behind Gold Prospect (9-13) at Newmarket (1m hcap, £4,221, good, Aug 27, 11 ran).
NEBULA WAY (9-2) 5l 4th behind Reconnaissance (9-3) at Beverley (1m 100yd hcap, £5,143, good to firm, July 1, 5 ran).
WINKING WINNER (8-6) 4l 2nd to Hanseatic (9-4) at Windsor (1m 70yd hcap, £2,960, good, Aug 22, 17 ran).
VANROY (7-2) beat Rimsh (9-5) ½l at Newcastle (1m hcap, £4,097, good, Aug 27, 16 ran).
Selection: JOHNS JOY

2.35 TWICKENHAM FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £7,518: 1m 2f) (4 runners) C4

2	(2)	122251	EARLY CALL 14 (D,F,G) (C Trotter) H Candy 8-11	W Newnes	96
3	(4)	41434	ELECTRIC LADY 14 (C,F) (R Clifford-Turner) D Elsworth 8-11	Pat Eddery	90
8	(3)	12-2	NEW TRENDS 14 (G) (J Mabee) L Cumani 8-11	R Cochrane	99
9	(1)	131	RUMOOSH 22 (D,F) (M Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-11	W R Swinburn	93

BETTING: Evens New Trends, 9-4 Rumoosh, 4-1 Early Call, 8-1 Electric Lady.

1987: NOM DE PLUME 9-4 S Cauthen (4-11 fav) H Cecil 3 ran

FORM EARLY CALL (8-11) beat High And Bright (9-6) 2l at Sandown (1m 3f 100yd grad, £3,111, good to firm, Aug 19, 6 ran).
NEW TRENDS (8-11) ¾l 2nd to Dabaweyaa (8-6) at Sandown (1m listed, £11,999, good to firm, Aug 19, 10 ran) with ELECTRIC LADY (8-6) 1¾l 4th.
RUMOOSH (8-12) ½l winner from Divine Law (8-12) at Salisbury (1m 2f, £3,003, firm, Aug 11, 5 ran) with ELECTRIC LADY (8-12) a short-head 3rd.
Selection: NEW TRENDS

3.10 BONUSPRINT SIRENIA STAKES (Listed race: 2-Y-O: £7,882: 6f) (4 runners) C4

3	(1)	411201	ACCESS TRAVEL 6 (B,D,G,S) (Miss D Williams) R Boss 8-11	Pat Eddery	99
8	(2)	11	RASHEEK 34 (D,G) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 8-11	G Baxter	80
9	(4)	464	RUNCIBLE CAT 15 (Pin Oak Stable) C Brittain 8-11	B Rouse	87
10	(3)	1231	SHARP JUSTICE 45 (C,D,G,S) (Malpass Bros Ltd) M Ryan 8-11	R Cochrane	88

BETTING: 11-10 Access Travel, 13-8 Rasheek, 5-1 Sharp Justice, 12-1 Runcible Cat.

1987: RAHY 8-11 W R Swinburn (1-3 fav) M Stoute 4 ran

FORM ACCESS TRAVEL (9-5) beat Flight Of Destiny (9-7) 6l at Newmarket (6f hcap, £13,286, good, Aug 27, 13 ran).
RASHEEK (9-2) ½l winner from Vague Dancer (9-2) at Thirsk (6f, £2,721, good, July 30, 6 ran).
RUNCIBLE CAT (9-0) 3¾l behind Danehill (9-0) at York (6f mdn, £5,501, good, Aug 18, 9 ran).
SHARP JUSTICE (8-11) beat Marcroft (8-8) ½l at Ayr (6f, £4,097, good to soft, July 19, 5 ran).
Selection: ACCESS TRAVEL

Course specialists

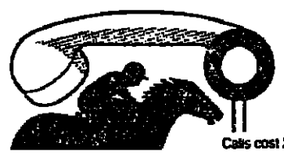
TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
M Stoute	17	54	31.5
L Cumani	5	17	29.4
P Walwyn	7	39	17.9
N Callaghan	3	18	16.7
W Hastings-Bass	4	25	16.0
D Elsworth	11	71	15.5

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
W R Swinburn	18	76	23.7
Pat Eddery	35	152	23.0
R Cochrane	13	69	18.8
J Matthias	3	20	15.0

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3.40 BONUSPRINT SEPTEMBER STAKES (Group III: £19,863: 1m 3f 30yd) (8 runners) C4

2	(1)	30413-3	VERSATILE 143 (8,BF,S) (The Queen) I Balding 4-9-0	J Matthias	77
3	(7)	1-66R52	PERCY'S LASS 15 (BF,F,G) (Evors E Moller) G Wragg 4-8-11	Pat Eddery	95
4	(5)	38-5133	ALWUHUSH 16 (F) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 3-8-4	J Reid	89
6	(4)	2-21113	FRIDU 35 (BF,F,G) (M Meller III) L Cumani 3-8-4	R Cochrane	85
7	(3)	1-23230	GLACIAL STORM 41 (S) (R Sangster) B Hills 3-8-4	M Hills	99
9	(2)	0-14330	JORURI 96 (S) (Sheikh Mohammed) C Brittain 3-8-4	B Rouse	75
10	(8)	2114	LAZAZ 80 (F,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 3-8-4	Paul Eddery	84
11	(6)	422212	NIKITAS 35 (G) (Mrs P Liddiard) M Francis 3-8-4	W Newnes	70

BETTING: 6-4 Glacial Storm, 3-1 Percy's Lass, 4-1 Lazaz, 8-1 Alwuhush, Fridu, 12-1 Jorurl, Versatile, 20-1 Nikitas.

1987: KNOCKANDO 3-8-4 R Cochrane (2-1) L Cumani 8 ran

FORM PERCY'S LASS (9-3) ¾l 2nd to Upend (8-7) at York (1m 4f list, £7,999, good, Aug 18, 8 ran).
ALWUHUSH (8-9) 5¼l 3rd to Sheriff's Star (8-12) at York (1m 4f group II, £35,424, good to firm, Aug 17, 4 ran).
FRIDU (8-10) best effort 1½l victory over Azayim (8-7) at York (1m 2f 110y list, £10,335, good to firm, June 11, 3 ran).
GLACIAL STORM (9-0) best effort 1¾l 2nd to Kahyasi (9-0) in the Epsom Derby (1m 4f Group 1, £296,500, good, June 1, 14 ran).
JORURI (9-0) best effort 3l 3rd to Kahyasi (9-0) at Lingfield (1m 4f group III, £32,112, good, May 7, 8 ran).
LAZAZ (8-8) 2¾l 4th to Sheriff's Star (8-8) at Ascot (1m 4f group II, £53,222, good to firm, June 14, 8 ran).
Selection: GLACIAL STORM

4.10 ARION FILLIES HANDICAP STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,433: 1m) (11 runners) C4

3	(3)	23-122	MODESTY ON ICE 18 (D,BF,F) (P Hogan) L Cumani 9-7	R Cochrane	95
4	(2)	424153	BARFORD LADY 5 (S) (Mrs C Handscombe) G Huffer 9-6	N Day	97
9	(11)	201126	FAREWELL SONG 57 (D,BF,G,S) (P Mellon) I Balding 8-11	F Arrowsmith (7)	98
10	(9)	5325	HUSH CHILD 22 (Hillsdale Farming Ltd) R Akehurst 8-10	J Reid	93
11	(5)	020410	ASHRAF DANCER 13 (B,D,F,S) (S Suhail) B Hanbury 8-9	Pat Eddery	94
14	(8)	0-000031	PRIMULETTE 55 (D,F,G) (Lord Vestey) H Candy 8-5	W Newnes	88
15	(10)	202011	DISMISS 8 (D,F) (Mrs G Smith) R Smyth 8-4	M Marshall (7)	99
16	(4)	63512-0	MISS BALLYLEA 114 (G) (A Pereira) P Kelleway 8-4	M Hills	93
17	(6)	061524	LA GRANDE DANSEUSE 37 (B,D,F,S) (O Zawawi) B Hanbury 8-4	M Rimmer	97
20	(1)	2-00215	SUMMER FASHION 14 (D,S) (Dr D Davis) D Elsworth 7-9	R Fox	85
22	(7)	32-250	WILL BE BOLD 28 (B) (Capt. M Lemos) C Brittain 7-8	A Mackay	91

BETTING: 100-30 Summer Fashion, 5-1 Primulette, 11-2 Dismiss, 6-1 Farewell Song, 8-1 Barford Lady, La Grande Danseuse, Modesty On Ice, 10-1 others.

1987: SPRING SUNSET 7-7 N Adams (10-1) D Arbuthnot 14 ran

FORM MODESTY ON ICE (9-7) ¾l 2nd to Park Street (8-9) at Windsor (1m 70y hcap, £2,977, good to firm, Aug 15, 15 ran).
HUSH CHILD (8-11) beat effort 2l 2nd to Samya's Flame at Wolverhampton (1m 1f grad, £959, good to firm, June 20, 6 ran).
PRIMULETTE (8-4) beat Main Objective (9-7) ¾l at Salisbury (1m hcap, £3,636, good, July 9, 15 ran).
DISMISS (9-7) beat Arctic Ken (9-10) a neck at Salisbury (1m app hcap, £1,617, good to firm, Aug 25, 13 ran).
LA GRANDE DANSEUSE (9-7) best effort 3l 2nd to Little Douglas (9-0) at Great Yarmouth (1m hcap, £3,101, good, July 13, 7 ran).
SUMMER FASHION (9-4) best effort 4l victory over Pengo (9-2) at Bath (1m 8y hcap, £3,658, good to soft, July 25, 13 ran).
Selection: PRIMULETTE

4.40 EUCLID HANDICAP STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,118: 7f) (19 runners)

3	(7)	042	LAPSE 55 (Major M Wyatt) H Candy 9-7	W Newnes	80
4	(18)	330553	SLIP AND STICK 16 (F) (O Zawawi) B Hanbury 9-7	M Hills	95
5	(16)	316	STANHOPE 32 (D,S) (M Salem) B Hanbury 9-2	M Marshall (7)	88
6	(6)	26-4010	SUNSHINE COAST 6 (D,BF,F) (Lord Derby) W Hastings-Bass 9-1	W R Swinburn	99
7	(3)	022011	JOIE DE ROSE 8 (D,F,S) (A Hall) M Blanshard 9-1 (7ex)	A Rlding (7)	84
8	(9)	425144	HEMLINE 20 (D,BF,G) (R Hambro) P Walwyn 9-0	Pat Eddery	91
9	(11)	023-004	TOAD ALONG 8 (B) (N Stafford) D Elsworth 8-9	J Reid	88
10	(15)	05-0320	ROSE BOUQUET 7 (S) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 8-9	Paul Eddery	93
11	(19)	2-04	BUZUGH 55 (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 8-8	G Baxter	91
12	(17)	1400	MAJORITY HOLDING 34 (S) (A Bailey) A Bailey 8-7	P Bloomfield	95
14	(12)	550100	BATCHWORTH DANCER 6 (D,F,S) (Mrs D Price) M Britain 8-4	A Munro (5)	92
15	(13)	0-00000	PETINGO GOLD 8 (British Thoroughbred Plc) G B Balding 8-2	J Williams	80
16	(10)	040000	APPELLANT 9 (A Richards) C Brittain 8-2	B Rouse	89
18	(14)	404U04	FINAL LOT 7 (G) (G Bishop) R Smyth 7-7	R Fox	97
19	(1)	655-0	WESTLAND DANCER 20 (M Holtey) M McCormack 7-7	—	—
20	(5)	0-00000	NOUNIYA 22 (B) (Aga Khan) R Johnson Houghton 7-7	M L Thomas	91
21	(2)	545629	LONDON STANDARD 20 (B) (H Buxton) P Mitchell 7-7	—	94
24	(4)	000	ALGHIMAMAH 52 (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 7-7	R Street	—
25	(6)	400600	MY DIAMOND RING 17 (Mrs M Wickham) M Usher 7-7	G Hind (5)	81

Long handicap: Final Lot 7-5, Westland Dancer 7-4, Nouniya 7-3, London Standard 7-3, Alghimamah 7-1, My Diamond Ring 7-1.

BETTING: 7-2 Sunshine Coast, 11-2 Final Lot, Joie De Rose, 6-1 Lapse, 8-1 Buzugh, Slip And Stick, 10-1 Hemline, Rose Bouquet, Stanhope, 12-1 others.

1987: GRUNDY'S FLAME 8-3 P Cook (33-1) W Hastings-Bass 19 ran

FORM SLIP AND STICK (8-13) best effort 1½l 5th to Isle Bridge (8-8) at Salisbury (6f hcap, £5,033, firm, Aug 10, 13 ran) with TOAD ALONG (8-3) last.
STANHOPE (8-11) beat Basic Star (8-11) 1l at Chepstow (7f mdn, £1,581, good to soft, July 21, 10 ran).
SUNSHINE COAST (8-8) best effort short head victory over Fille D'Esprit (8-4) at Great Yarmouth (7f hcap, £2,713, good to firm, Aug 3, 12 ran).
JOIE DE ROSE (8-12) beat Realism (9-7) 5l at Salisbury (7f claim, £3,116, good to firm, Aug 25, 17 ran).
ROSE BOUQUET (9-3) best effort 1l 3rd to Nawwar (8-9) at Newmarket (6f hcap, £3,518, good to firm, Aug 5, 19 ran).
BATCHWORTH DANCER (8-3) best effort ½l victory over Prolific (9-4) at Leicester (7f hcap, £2,755, good to firm, July 12, 10 ran).
Selection: SUNSHINE COAST

4.50 FLEETWOOD CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,403: 6f) (20 runners)

4	(12)	221411	BLUE BELL MUSIC 28 (CD,G,S) (G Adams) J Berry 8-11	J Carroll	95
6	(3)	12836	COMMAND BID 27 (B,G) (Mrs J Mountfield) M H Easterby 8-10	M Birch	99
7	(5)	351635	BESCABY BOY 24 (V,F) (M Phelan) J Wharton 8-9	I Johnson	90
8	(19)	521163	IPO 25 (D,F,S) (C Pick) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-9	G Carter	87
11	(13)	20340	RYAN'S WAY 17 (J Ryan) C Tinkler 8-9	W Hood	89
14	(6)	0	NON-RECOURSE 87 (D Stewart) W Jarvis 8-8	B Raymond	—
24	(17)	0	TRAVELLING LIGHT 4 (Mrs J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 8-6	M Fry	—
25	(16)	0	HUNTER VALLEY 4 (Mrs J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 8-6	M Wigham	—
27	(20)	021	KATALANTA 13 (D,S) (Mrs B Hills) B Hills 8-5	W Carson	98
31	(15)		NEEDWOOD BAP (Needwood Turf Accountants) B Morgan 8-4	—	—
32	(10)		NIYIL REEF (B) (Fir Trading) J Wainwright 8-4	S Morris	—
33	(8)	454204	PETORINO 29 (Mrs G Maloney) R Hollinshead 8-4	A Culhane (3)	92
35	(4)	153013	HO FUNG SHUI 9 (CD,F) (B Tang) N Tinkler 8-3	Kim Tinkler	79
42	(11)	31650	FIRST FLUTE 6 (S) (Mrs M Keogh) S Norton 8-2	S Wood (5)	93
44	(18)	12330	NOBLE HABITAT 22 (BF,F) (F Salman) M Prescott 8-2	G Duffield	97
47	(14)	560	LADY BLUES SINGER 14 (B) (British Thoroughbred R & B Plc) B Hills 8-0	R Hills	85
50	(2)	65	AUGUST SEVENTEENTH 51 (Roldvale Limited) P Kelleway 7-13	G Bardwell (3)	86
51	(9)	0260	BIRMINGHAM'S GLORY 48 (Birmingham News) R Hollinshead 7-13	P Hill	84
56	(7)	0005	NITE NITE LOUISA 52 (B) (C Buckle) A Lee 7-13	J Quinn (5)	—
58	(1)	0	NEEDWOOD SPRITE 9 (Needwood Accountants) B Morgan 7-12	—	—

BETTING: 11-4 Katalanta, 7-2 Ipo, 9-2 Blue Bell Music, 5-1 Command Bid, 6-1 Noble Habitat, 7-1 Ho Fung Shui, 8-1 First Flute, 10-1 August Seventeenth, 12-1 Ryan's Way, 20-1 others.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

5.20 BIRKDALE SELLING STAKES (Div III: 2-Y-O: £1,268: 1m) (14 runners)

2	(1)	000314	NIKLAS ANGEL 28 (G) (P Charalambous) M Britain 9-1	M Wigham	99
7	(13)	0800	ARIES SAILOR 28 (R Haling) R Thompson 8-11	W Carson	—
13	(3)	0000	GLASTONDALE 63 (V) (F Lee) F Lee 8-11	S Perks	86
21	(4)	00	MASACCIO 37 (V) (C St George) C Tinkler 8-11	M Birch	65
22	(14)	0005	NEW START 46 (P Muldoon) S Muldoon 8-11	J H Brown	96
24	(2)	0050	PICTOU BOY 28 (S Hazard) N Tinkler 8-11	Kim Tinkler	92
34	(11)	5050	SUPERMARINE 39 (G Grant) P Haslam 8-11	Dean McKeown	83
42	(5)	00	ESKIMOJO 4 (R Bradshaw) M W Easterby 8-5	G Carter	—
47	(12)	50245	GOLD CHARM 28 (BF) (K Powter) M Jarvis 8-5	B Raymond	96
49	(6)	000000	LADY TRACEY 28 (J Chapman) J Wainwright 8-5	S Morris	—
51	(5)	00	NIKATINO 59 (H Austwick) P Haslam 8-5	Dale Gibson (5)	—
53	(7)	563060	PALLIN 4 (Mrs M Morley) T Fairhurst 8-5	N Connorton	92
54	(8)	00	REVEREND MOTHER 31 (Mrs W Wharton) J Wharton 8-5	P Walsh (7)	—
57	(10)	630250	WELSH COLUMN 4 (T Hawkins) K Stone 8-5	G Brown	92

BETTING: 5-2 Gold Charm, 10-3 Nikas Angel, 9-2 Pallin, 6-1 Supermarine, 8-1 Welsh Column, 12-1 Reverend Mother, 16-1 Pictou Boy, 20-1 others.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

5.50 CLAUDE HARRISON MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY (Handicap: 3-Y-O: £3,558: 5f) (16 runners)

2	(1)	112119	CHAPLINS CLUB 4 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) (P Savill) D Chapman 8-9-10	K Darley	93
4	(6)	103343	SKI CAPTAIN 20 (CD,F,G,S) (J Enterrington) P Howling 4-9-2	J Lowe	87
5	(12)	021200	SMALL FEE 25 (D,S) (Mrs G Hallett) M Britain 3-8-12	M Wigham	92
6	(2)	160000	LOCHONICA 4 (B,D,F,G,S) (S Woodall) T Barron 5-8-12	D Monaghan-White (7)	93
8	(10)	021502	IMPALA LASS 4 (D,F,G,S) (R Shaw) B McMahon 5-8-9	M Lynch (5)	99
9	(11)	026350	HOLLIA 14 (D,BF,F,S) (Mrs L Meytan) J Berry 3-8-8	J Carroll	95
10	(13)	0160-02	CELTIC BIRD 3 (CD,F,G,S) (J Cooke) J Balding 8-8-7	S Horsfall	96
11	(5)	150033	COTTON ON QUICK 11 (D,G,S) (A Bailey) A Bailey 3-8-7	W Hollick (7)	95
12	(8)	526126	CHAIN SHOT 6 (B,D,F,S) (M Simmonds) N Vigors 3-8-7	W Carson	98
13	(7)	003010	NORTH OF WATFORD 7 (D,F) (R Aylward) J H Wilson 3-8-6	G Bardwell (3)	94
15	(9)	132100	DENSBEN 25 (D,G,S) (Mrs J Pike) Denys Smith 4-8-3	M Roberts	95
17	(16)	100040	MUSIC REVIEW 6 (CD,F,G,S) (Mowedive Ltd) M Tompkins 5-8-1	G Duffield	95
18	(4)	0-52240	HATAY 8 (D,G) (Mrs H Plumbly) T Bill 3-8-0	A Proud	94
19	(14)	620060	BALKAN LEADER 8 (B,D,G) (A Budge Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-7-11	L Charnock	97
24	(15)	000-500	MUMMY'S CHANCE 20 (B) (Mrs R Heathcote) J Berry 4-7-7	Dana Mellor (5)	85
25	(3)	000500	ROSIE DICKINS 6 (CD,F,S) (Dickins Ltd) R Hollinshead 6-7-7	N Carlisle	78

Long handicap: Mummy's Chance 6-8, Rosie Dickins 6-6.

BETTING: 4-1 Ski Captain, 5-1 Chaplins Club, 11-2 Cotton On Quick, 6-1 Impala Lass, 8-1 North Of Watford, 10-1 Music Review, 12-1 Cham Shot, Small Fee, 14-1 Lochonica, 20-1 others.

1987: SKI CAPTAIN 3-9-1 M Birch (12-1) J Etherington 16 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
H Cecil	28	58	48.3
M Prescott	3	9	33.3
G Harwood	13	42	31.0
P Calver	5	18	27.8
M Tompkins	6	22	27.3
B Hills	17	80	21.3

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Dale Gibson	3	11	27.3
G Carter	10	51	19.6
G Starkey	9	49	18.4
W Carson	18	103	18.4
B Raymond	14	86	16.3
W Ryan	15	94	16.0

HEREFORD

Selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Brent Riverside. 2.30 Caesar's Palace. 3.0 Diamond Digger. 3.30 Chalk Pit. 4.0 Wayward Singer. 4.30 Crook N Honest. 5.0 Warrens Boy.

Going: good to firm

2.0 TYBERTON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,326: 2m 3f) (8 runners)

1	4-16	GOLDEN WOOD 39	Miss L Bower 5-12-3	Ger Lyons
2	-112	BRENT RIVERSIDE 9 (BF,F,S)	G Balding 5-11-12	A Charlton
5	/00-	ADMIRAL'S RULER 104 (F,S)	F Walwyn 8-11-9	G Piper
6	30-4	WELL COVERED 9F (F,G)	R Hollinshead 7-11-7	Gary Lyons
8	30-2	TIME-BEE 7 (B,F,S)	J Smith 7-10-9	SA Turner
12	38-4	FIRST CITIZEN 6 (B)	B Smart 4-10-4	T Pinfield
15	0-34	MR MAJINTY 4	T Greathead 4-10-0	J Railton
18	P03-	FRENCH HABITAT 113 (V)P	Devs 6-10-0	R Davis

6-4 Brent Riverside, 7-2 Mr Majinty, 5-1 Golden Wood, 6-1 Admiral's Ruler, 8-1 Well Covered, 10-1 others.

2.30 ORCOP SELLING HURDLE (£814: 2m) (17)

1	350-	CHARLOU'S CHOICE 6F	R Juckes 4-11-10	W McFarland
4	P-4U	KACERE 6	William Price 4-11-10	A Price (7)
5	P0-3	SPERANSKY 13	Mrs S Oliver 4-11-10	R Hyett
6	6	SPRING PLAY 29	T Muggeridge 4-11-10	C Warren
8		BY THE GLEN 67F	R Hodges 4-11-5	B Powell
11	0	LITTLE LOCHETTE 13	J Spearing 4-11-5	A Webb
15	4	CAESAR'S PALACE 9F (BF)	M Pipe 3-10-10	P Scudamore
16	5U	ESPRIT DE FEU 6	F Jordan 3-10-10	C Smith
17		FLY CONCORDE 39F	S Christian 3-10-10	A Mallholland (4)
18	3	SPEEDY SNAPS LAD 6	K Bridgwater 3-10-10	P Dever
19	35	STOCKADE 9	K Bishop 3-10-10	S Earle
20	00	SUNSET EXPRESS 20	B Preece 3-10-10	Mr R Bevan (7)
22	0	BLOXWICH PRINCESS 9F	B Preece 3-10-5	P Millar (7)
23		BRIANSTAN ROSE 45F	B Cambidge 3-10-5	T Wall
24		FEMME EN ROUGE 105F	D Wintle 3-10-5	A Carroll
25		MAGNOLIA GEMCAS 32F	K Bridgwater 3-10-5	S Cusack
26		TUPS 8F	G Roe 3-10-5	P McDermott (7)

9-4 Caesar's Palace, 3-1 Speransky, 9-2 Stockade, 13-2 Speedy Snaps Lad, 8-1 Kacere, 10-1 others.

3.0 COTSWOLD HANDICAP CHASE (£2,292: 2m) (4)

2	-641	MARKET LEADER 31 (D,F)	G Kindersley 8-11-10	M Lynch
3	82-1	DIAMOND DIGGER 13 (CD,F)	D Nicholson 5-11-9 (7ex)	R Dunwoody
5	126-	SASSANOCO 95 (C,D,F,G,S)	K Bailey 7-10-13	M Perrett
6	221-	MOUNTAIN MEAR 107 (D,F,S)	K Bishop 8-10-5	S Earle

1-2 Diamond Digger, 100-30 Mountain Mear, 6-1 Sassanoco, 8-1 Market Leader.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: T Morton, 5 winners from 15 runners, 33.3%; T Casey, 3 from 10, 30.0%; B Smart, 3 from 11, 27.3%; F Walwyn, 8 from 30, 26.7%; G Balding, 3 from 12, 25.0%; C Tinkler, 3 from 13, 23.1%.

JOCKEYS: M Perrett, 3 winners from 10 rides, 30.0%; R Dunwoody, 18 from 73, 24.7%; S Earle, 5 from 25, 20.0%; H Davies, 12 from 63, 19.0%; P Scudamore, 16 from 90, 17.8%; G McCourt, 7 from 40, 17.5%.

3.30 MICHAELCHURCH NOVICES CHASE (£1,895: 2m 3f) (9)

1	3/1P	CHALK PIT 6 (BF)	C Brooks 10-11-10	P Scudamore
3	2/01	THAR-AN-BHARR 6 (CD)	J Costello 6-11-10	R Dunwoody
4	P-	BALLYKEERAN 370	V Bishop 7-11-3	G Mernagh
5	22-U	CHEMINIAN 6	R Brazington 9-11-3	B Wright
6	22F-	DREAMCOAT 127 (S)	K Bishop 7-11-3	S Earle
7		SILENT GOLD	D Burchell 9-11-3	D J Burchell (4)
9		VIC OYSTON 7551F	Mrs J French 12-11-3	Mr P Hamer
10	221-	BOLD IN COMBA

The Coni Report on drugs allegations

The report of the Amateur Athletic Association Drug Abuse Inquiry, headed by Peter Coni QC, deals at length with allegations published in *The Times* last December. These are extracts from the report

Great Britain v German Democratic Republic match, June 18 and 19, 1982.
Some three weeks after he took office as secretary of the BAAB, Nigel Cooper took the chair at the technical meeting on June 18 when the representatives of the GB and GDR teams met at Crystal Palace to run through the details of the match that was to take place on that and the following day. Cooper ran through various detailed aspects, confirming such matters as the lay-out of the facilities at Crystal Palace, the order of events, the scoring system and so on; and no problems arose until he reached the question of doping control.

When he came to explain where the testing unit was and what the procedure would be, the GDR representatives all looked surprised and concerned, and their head coach explained that there had been no agreement by the GDR Federation to dope-testing of their team at that match. He was able to point to the contract form, which only showed that requirement as having been put forward by the BAAB but not as having been specifically agreed to by the GDR. There followed a period of embarrassed attempts by Cooper at persuasion.

The GDR representatives stood firm. They took the position that they strongly supported dope-testing as a principle, but that they were strictly enjoined by their Federation when they took a team abroad only to carry out those terms of an agreement to which the Federation had given express approval. At the end of the discussion, the ball was firmly in Cooper's hands as chairman of the meeting.

He was faced with an impossible dilemma. The BAAB had entered into contractual obligations for the match. Television cameras were already in position with the technicians finalising their equipment, and the public were already arriving. The match was due to begin within a short time. The BAAB was contractually committed to Crystal Palace, to the GDR team for accommodation and so forth.

In strict legal terms, it was impossible to say that if Cooper took the line that either the visiting team agreed to dope-testing or the match was cancelled, the BAAB would not be held liable for the very considerable financial liabilities incurred. Above all, the IAAF guidelines for such matches were not mandatory but only recommended dope-testing.

Faced with that dilemma, Cooper took the only realistic course and agreed that in view of the lack of clarity in the prior negotiations, only testing of the British athletes would take place, and that the match would continue.

We do not, for our part, see how any justified criticism can be laid at Nigel Cooper's door over this incident. He had had no hand in negotiating the terms of the match. He, hardly in office, was suddenly faced with a situation in which as it seems to us he took the only practical decision. He made the point to us that thereafter the BAAB learned from the experience and ensured that for all future contracts there was no ambiguity about testing being required of visiting teams as well as for the home team at any international match in this country.

The one criticism that, again with hindsight, one can perhaps make is that it would have been wise for Cooper to have formally recorded exactly what had occurred so that no rumour could arise suggesting a sinister interpretation of the failure to test members of the GDR team at that match. If that is a fair criticism, we take the view that it in no way justifies the manner in which the incident was reported in *The Times* article.

[The report exonerates Cooper from any responsibility in the alleged failure to require sampling from United States athletesin the match against England on March 12, 1983. It also says it could find no evidence of a no-test pact].

Great Britain v Russia match, June 5 and 6, 1983.
This was another BAAB match; testing was included in the "contract" and testing took place, several members of both teams giving samples. The actual sampling control was carried out by a representative from Chelsea College (as it then was) who had travelled up to Birmingham bringing the Chelsea testing and security kits for use there. With the Soviet team was their chief medical officer, a very senior official who had been in charge of dope-testing at the 1980 Olympic Games. The testing procedure took place in full compliance with the regulations.

At the end of the day, when the last Soviet athlete had completed the procedure, the chief medical officer asked where the test samples were being kept and said that he wished to take them back to Russia on the following day so that they could be tested there.

The testing officer from Chelsea College demurred, explaining that the testing would all be done at the accredited laboratory in London at no cost to the Soviet team, and, of course, pointed out that the actual testing kits were the property of Chelsea. The official persisted. No-one was due to leave Birmingham that night, and the Chelsea representative took the samples back to the hotel at which all the officials were staying, for storage at the right temperature.

She telephoned Dr David Cowan of Chelsea College for instructions and he, very properly, said that he would greatly prefer it that their equipment did not leave the country, but that the final decision had to rest with the BAAB upon whose instructions testing was being carried out.

That decision had inevitably to be passed back to Cooper as secretary of the BAAB, since no-one else was in a position to deal with the demand to take the samples away. Once again, the regulations gave no assistance; the IAAF guidelines were still only advisory, saying that dope-testing was desirable at international matches. However, they went on to add that if sampling took place, it was a strict requirement that the testing should be at an accredited laboratory.

The Soviet official pointed to this; said, correctly, that at an indoor match between Soviet and British athletes held in England earlier that year, there had been sampling from both members of both teams which had been tested at the accredited laboratory in England, with the results being copied to the Soviet Federation; and said that for this second match, the testing should be carried out in an accredited laboratory in Russia and the results would of course be copied to the BAAB.

When it was pointed out that the sampling kits were the property of the English accredited laboratory, he said that, of course, they would be returned to Chelsea when the testing was completed.

Anyone would assume that if Chelsea had provided the sampling kits for testing in England, then the testing would be carried out at Chelsea. But the IAAF guidelines did not say that if testing took place, it should be at an accredited laboratory in the country of testing; nor at the accredited laboratory providing the sampling kits; it simply said "at an accredited laboratory".

It was, therefore, impossible to argue that what the Soviet official was seeking was against the wording of the IAAF regulations. Indeed, it was difficult to suggest that there was anything inequitable about the argument that for one match in England, the testing had been done in England and that that had been accepted by the Soviet Federation; so that for the second match, the testing should be done in the Soviet Union.


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Andy Norman


Robert Stinson

Once again, we are of course aware of the cynical inference that the demand was being made because there might be something to conceal, because there was a risk of a positive sample amongst the Soviet athletes who had been selected for testing. But that is not an argument that could possibly be put forward by the officials of the BAAB — how could they effectively accuse another Federation of cheating? And it is also relevant to acknowledge the undoubted suspicion of officials of some other Federations that a sample from one of their athletes might be tampered with so that a false positive resulted.

We do not believe for an instant that such tampering has ever taken place, certainly not by the staff of Chelsea College; but that the fear was entertained, albeit without justification, is simply an unfortunate aspect of the politics of sport.

In this case, we accept that a firm stand could have been taken and the Soviet demand could have been rejected. This was not a case, as the GDR incident had been, where the legal position of the Board was an ambiguous one. But the interpretation of the IAAF guidelines put forward by the Soviet official was a perfectly arguable one, and to reject it in the face of a very determined official who was pressing it forcefully undoubtedly opened up a prospect of embarrassment at the highest level.

In the event, the Soviet official had his way. The Chelsea representative says that on the following morning she had retrieved the samples from cold storage and was actually at the lift, intending to leave the hotel and take them back to Chelsea, when she met Cooper who asked for the whole of the samples in their sealed bag. Cooper's recollection differs from that, but on balance we accept that this is what occurred.

There is no doubt that the bag containing all the samples taken, from British as well as Soviet athletes, went with the Soviet team. In due course the test results were sent from the accredited laboratory in Russia via their Federation to the BAAB, and the sampling kits were returned from Russia to Chelsea.

Our view of *The Times'* allegations against Cooper is that they are unfounded in terms of the conclusions they were used to support, and deeply misleading in the terms in which they are reported.

We have reached the view that while Cooper was clearly not the dominant leader nor the tactician that the conflicts in athletics during the 1980s called for, he was a man trying to do a very difficult job to the best of his ability. That he should be accused of being part of a national cover-up among British athletics administrators to enable drug taking to pass undetected, which is the burden of *The Times* article of December 15, is wholly unfair.

Peugeot Talbot Games, July 19 and 20, 1985.
For this IAAF Grand Prix event, Robert Stinson was nominated as the IAAF representative, and thus among his other duties, he was responsible for making the random draw for those athletes to be dope tested, and for overseeing the testing procedure at the Games. He has described to us in detail the manner in which he made such draws. It involved drawing the events in which athletes would be tested, and the places achieved at the selected events which would determine which athletes were selected for testing. We are satisfied that he carried out such draws, including this one, on a basis which ensured a completely random choice.

Arrangements for the Games were being made by Andy Norman as promoter. Among other athletes from overseas federations, he had arranged for a group of nine Soviet athletes to compete. It seems that when they understood that Stinson was to be the IAAF representative, they went to Norman concerned to know how the selection for random testing would be made.

It is perfectly clear that when Norman was approached by the Soviet athletes, he ought simply to have assured them with all the conviction available to him that the choice of athletes to be tested would be made on a completely random basis, and that there would be no question of Soviet athletes being targeted for testing.

Instead, he telephoned Stinson and told him that the Soviet athletes were extremely worried. Stinson replied that anyone who turned up to compete at the Games could be quite certain that selection for testing would be done on a completely random basis. That assurance was then duly conveyed to the Soviet athletes.

We are obliged to observe that for Norman to telephone Stinson and put the person charged with making the random selection on notice that there was a particular group of athletes who were concerned about the testing selection was a wholly wrong thing to do. By doing it, he either actually or inferentially prejudiced the person making the random selection.

Stinson said to us that he "didn't particularly appreciate being telephoned by Andy Norman in that way". We think that is an understatement, since such a call was tantamount to suggesting that the selection might not be done on a truly random basis. Stinson tells us that it certainly crossed his mind as a result to try to ensure that at least one of the Soviet athletes was likely to be tested, to avoid any suggestion that he had been prejudiced by that inappropriate telephone call. However, he resisted that temptation, and carried out his random draw in the usual way.

As it happens, no Soviet athlete finished in an event and a position which had been selected randomly for testing. This, we are satisfied, was simply a result of how the athletes performed on the night. We note that in the women's high jump Andonova of Bulgaria, who won and was tested, was found to have provided a positive sample and was accordingly banned from competition; this again hardly supports the picture of Stinson as a man reluctant to carry out his duties conscientiously, or of rigging a random draw to avoid potentially positive athletes.

We are entirely satisfied that *The Times* allegation that Stinson reassured the Soviet athletes that they would not be tested is untrue. The fact that no Soviet athlete was in fact tested is correct; but to suggest that this supports the allegation made by *The Times*, which is the obvious inference of the juxtaposition in the article of December 15, is at best naive. It ignores the chances of random selection, and we find it surprising that in a series of articles which are put forward as reports of serious research into a matter of grave public concern, it was thought appropriate to give a statistic of that type wholly out of its full context.

Allegations concerning Andy Norman and Les Jones
The one specific allegation of a named official conspiring with a named athlete to bypass the random dope test procedure that appeared in *The Times* articles was that of Andy Norman providing a negative urine sample for Martin Girvan to use at the Peugeot Talbot Games on July 13, 1984.

In summary, Girvan says that it was known generally throughout British athletics that if you were selected for testing at competition and were afraid that a test would show you as positive, you would be able to get round the problem by approaching the right officials; and that Norman was known to be one of those officials who would assist an athlete in "an embarrassing situation" — the euphemism for being on drugs when selected for testing.

He says that he was known to be a throwing event athlete who did not use drugs, and that he was therefore often selected for testing, the frequency of this indicating that the selection of athletes to be tested at competition was not carried out randomly.

At Crystal Palace he was approached perfectly properly by a male Doping Control steward while he was at the hammer circle and told that he was to be tested. Although free from drugs, he decided to test out Norman's reaction and went to the warm-up area, accompanied by the steward, to speak to Norman, who was there with Les Jones.

Norman, when Girvan told him he was "embarrassed" at the test, told him to go to the second cubicle from the end and that a supply of urine would be on the floor behind the WC. Girvan went to that cubicle and found the sample, having been allowed to shut the cubicle door, something which the steward, who had accompanied him, did nothing to prevent.

Having seen that the sample was there, he returned to Norman, still being accompanied by the steward and, again in the presence of Jones, told Norman that it wasn't there. Norman left Girvan with Jones and the steward, went towards the drug test area, and returned saying that it was there.

Girvan returned to the cubicle, was again allowed by the steward to close the door so that what he did could not be seen by the supervising official, and poured the sample placed there by Norman into the lavatory, providing a sample of his own urine.

He then took that sample to the official in the next room who was securing the samples and completing the necessary documentation; and this part of the procedure was carried out entirely correctly. In due course, the sample was analysed and proved negative.

The first time that he mentioned it was to Pat Butcher, one of the two authors of The Times articles, during the course of a long interview in the latter part of November 1987.

If the allegation is true, it is the clearest evidence of most serious and disgraceful misconduct by Norman, who was holding a very responsible position in the administration of British athletics and is one of the foremost if not the leading promoter of athletics events in this country. The allegation also involves; Jones, a senior figure in athletics administration in Northern Ireland; and also the dope control steward; in full knowledge of and effective complicity in Norman's misbehaviour. It is obvious that the implications are even worse than that, namely that such misconduct is such a commonplace in that Norman took no step to conceal it from two other officials who happened to be present, that one must assume that it is very widespread among officials throughout the sport.

In investigating this allegation, we saw Girvan, Norman, Jones, and Pat Butcher, *The Times* journalist, who was responsible for this section of the article of December 16. Girvan was unable to put a name to the dope control steward, but we have spoken to both of the men who were carrying out that responsibility at Crystal Palace at those Games, and we are satisfied, as is Girvan, that the steward charged with obtaining this sample was Graham Martin. Both Girvan and Butcher confirm that there is no other source of direct evidence available as to the incident.

The question which we immediately asked Girvan was why he had carried out the charade of pretending to be fearful of giving a genuine sample; and why having done so with the consequences outlined above, he then did nothing at all about what had occurred for almost 3½ years.

He had no very clear explanation of why he had pretended to be facing a problem in giving a sample, save that he wanted to put to the test for himself the allegation he had so frequently heard tha Norman would bend the rules in that way. Since it is clear beyond question that gossip about the probity of the official drug testing programmes and procedure is commonplace among athletes, we found it perhaps surprising that Girvan had told no-one, not even fellow athletesd with whom he was close or, on a confidential basis, more senior people in the sport who are known to be suspicious of the activities of officials, of what had occurred.

He said that he had told Butcher of the incident because after fairly lengthy discussion with Butcher, he accepted that this was a journalist who was seriously concerned for the sport and not simply seeking a scandalous story; and believed that the series of articles which were to be published in *The Times* offered a real opportunity for athletics to shake off its general dishonesty about drug testing procedures, and to "clean up" the sport.

He said that he felt that this was a real chance of achieving that goal, which he saw to be not only highly desirable but highly necessary; and that if he told what had happened, it might be that other athletes with similar experiences would also come out and give the full picture.

There are only three possible conclusions: either the incident is true; or it has been deliberately invented; or while Girvan may believe it to be true and accurate, it is to a greater or lesser extent a distortion of fact which in its present form gives a misleading picture.

One inevitable consequence of Girvan's allegation being publicised for the first time almost 3½ years after the event is that Norman, Jones and Martin all say that they have no recollection whatever of Girvan being tested that night, or indeed of the details of the testing at the Games. If the allegation were in respect of an event only a matter of months earlier, that reply would not carry much force. But it is our view that there is nothing sinister in a complete failure of recollection of detail after so long a passage of time.

The 1984 Peugeot Talbot Games were memorable in that Zola Budd set a world record for the 2,000 metres there. Norman says that he was overwhelmingly concerned that night with the question of security since there was a real possibility of a demonstration about Budd taking place; and Jones says that it was Budd's appearance there that caused him to be present, and that his responsibility that night was primarily with the security of the Crystal Palace stadium for fear of an incursion of demonstrators determined to prevent Budd running without interruption.

Both say they have no recollection whatever of seeing Girvan there that night, and if they had done so, there is no reason why this should remain in their memories.

Norman denied that on that occasion or on any other had he enabled an athlete to avoid testing, either in that or any other manner. Jones said the same, agreeing that had such conversations between Norman and Girvan taken place in his hearing, he could not possibly have forgotten them.

Approaching our investigation with completely open minds, it of course occurred to us that if the allegation were true, those are the very denials which we would have expected to hear; equally, if the allegation is wholly untrue, or is based on rather different and less sinister facts, these are the answers that one would expect to hear from completely honest witnesses doing their best to assist about something which occurred almost 3½ years earlier and to which their attention had never been drawn during the intervening time.

We felt it relevant to know whether Girvan received any payment either from *The Times* for his information leading to that part of the article of December 16, or from the *News of the World* for a further disclosure which led to an article in that newspaper of January 3, 1988. He tells us that he received no payment whatever, and this was confirmed by Butcher. Indeed he made it clear that he was not interested in speaking to *The Times* reporters on the basis of his receiving any payment whatever; and this is certainly consistent with his explanation of disclosing the matter to *The Times* for the long-term good of the sport.

Having talked to Girvan at length, we are in no doubt that he is a normally intelligent man who understood fully the consequences of speaking to *The Times* reporter as he did. The reality that he was well aware that he faced was that his allegation, which had to stand on his word alone, would be strenuously denied by all three of the officials involved — and this was the almost certain outcome whether what he was saying was true or false.

In interview, Norman told us that his first knowledge of the allegations was a telephone call from *The Times* reporter on the afternoon of December 15. His first reaction was that he did not recall Girvan as having competed at the 1984 Peugeot Talbot Games, so he had checked, only to find that Girvan was indeed there. His next query was whether Girvan had been tested that evening, and he said he had been confident that these enquiries would establish that the allegation could not be true.

In fact, of course, they showed that Girvan had been one of the competitors tested that night. He pointed out that although he was promoting the event, his responsibilities in relation to dope testing would have extended no further than to ensure that the necessary accommodation for testing was provided, and that arrangements had been made for the testing equipment to be brought there. He had no hand in selecting the dope control stewards or in any part of the actual testing procedure.

Of all the witnesses with whom we talked, he was the only one to suggest that an athlete would require a high level of expert advice before using banned drugs to enhance performance.

One thing above all others has been made overwhelmingly clear to us during our enquiry: the ready availability not only of anabolic steroids but also more sophisticated drugs on the banned list, and the immediacy of published information enabling those drugs to be used in ways alleged to aid athletic performance and to minimise the likelihood of detection. We found his evidence in this regard unconvincing.

He has the reputation of being at times acerbic and blunt. His attitude towards Girvan reflected this trait and perhaps also indicated his anger at the allegations of gross misconduct made against him. To comment, "I wouldn't put myself in jeopardy for an athlete of his standard", and "I wouldn't waste time on a thing like that; on a hammer thrower like Girvan" are remarks that are not only inappropriate but leave open the glaring corollary that for an athlete of a very different standard, very different considerations might apply.

In fairness, it should be emphasised that we sought to achieve an atmosphere of relaxed discussion and not the formality of a court hearing in taking evidence. It was not put to him and it would not be right to accept that the corrollary was intended. It is well known how in judicial proceedings an inappropriate facetious remark can be treated as having been intended to be taken seriously, and a perfectly honest witness can wrongly be made to look less than honest as a result. However, it is right that, just as we report in detail our reasons for doubting Girvan's accuracy, we should report in detail our criticisms of those whom he accuses.

The important fact is that, at the end of the day, we were unable to find any scintilla of evidence to support Girvan's allegations. We were, therefore, left in the position of weighing and balancing recollections of events long past.

Les Jones gave his evidence to us convincingly. As already related, his recollection of that night was being totally concerned with security for Zola Budd; and while he probably saw Norman from time to time that night, he would have done so only in the context of checking with him that all appeared to be well with the security aspect.

One particular detail of the allegation seems improbable. Girvan says that the urine sample provided for his use by Norman was cold. Had it been used by Girvan as the sample which he had just provided into the glass container which would then have been taken to the testing official, separated into two glass jars which would be sealed and sent to the accredited testing laboratory, the official charged with securing the samples and documenting them might well have noticed that instead of being given two glass jars of liquid at close to body heat, he was receiving two jars of liquid that was cold.

Of course, such a fact might not be noticed, but anyone accustomed to dealing with such samples would be very likely to notice what would at once seem an extraordinary variation from the norm, which could only point to a bogus sample having been introduced.

Our conclusion is that we cannot possibly find that the accusation made by Girvan is substantiated. We cannot possibly accept his evidence about the 1984 Peugeot Talbot Games when it is wholly uncorroborated and is denied by all three people said to have been involved with as much particularity as one can expect after the long passage of time since the Games.

The basic improbability of Girvan testing Norman's probity in the presence of Les Jones, an administrator to whom Girvan was on close terms, and his doing so in the additional presence of a third official who, for all he knew, might have caused Norman simply to reject his overture leads us to the view that the incident simply did not occur.

Had Girvan's allegation involved Norman alone, we would still have been left with a situation in which there was wholly insufficient evidence to find so serious an accusation made out. In terms of the full allegation as it is unequivocally made, so that it equally involves Jones and Martin, we are obliged to come to the conclusion that we cannot accept its truth.

CRICKET: WARWICKSHIRE HOSTS DO NOT ALLOW THEIR GLAMORGAN VISITORS TO TAKE A COMFORTABLE CUSHION

Final selection for Butcher and Downton

Roland Butcher and Paul Downton have recovered from injury and are in the Middlesex party to play Worcestershire in the NatWest Trophy final.

TEAM (from): M W Gatting (capt), J D Carr, W N Slack, K R Brown, R O Butcher, M A Roseberry, A Needham, M A Ramprakash, P R Downton, J E Emburey, S P Hughes, N G Cowans, A R C Fraser and J F Sykes.

● Hampshire will begin their defence of the Benson and Hedges Cup next season in a competition free from regional zoning for the first time.

DRAW: Group A: Glamorgan, Kent, Essex, Hampshire, Sussex. Group B: Combined Universities, Worcestershire, Middlesex, Surrey, Gloucestershire. Group C: Minor Counties, Nottinghamshire, Yorkshire, Derbyshire, Somerset. Group D: Scotland, Warwickshire, Lancashire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire.



Small exploits pitch to improve personal best

By Jack Bailey

EDGBASTON: Glamorgan, with two second-innings wickets in hand, lead Warwickshire by 184 runs

There was plenty of rain in these parts, at both ends of the day, but miraculously — in view of what was happening all around — 40 overs of play was possible. In that time, Glamorgan advanced their lead over Warwickshire to 184, but with only two second innings wickets left, it is anything but a comfortable cushion.

Once again, Small was the chief destroyer of any extravagant Glamorgan hopes. He had taken, thus far, five wickets for 39 runs to add to his six in the first innings, and a personal best in terms of wickets taken in a match had already been overtaken. This is the sort of pitch, especially when bowling from the pavilion end, that he and all the other purveyors of seam in this match would gladly take around. But you still had to bowl well, and he did that.

Small's rhythm, once hindered by injury, and seemingly, in mid-season, almost beyond recall, is now fully restored. He bowled scarcely a bad ball.

The Glamorgan innings, what there was of it, saw nobody stay for any great length of time. Maynard and Cann produced the day's highest partnership of 49 runs; the only other stand of any significance, between Derrick and North, realised 37. Otherwise, it was a case of scratch as scratch can against the movement and lift extracted by Small, Donald and Munton.

Maynard was far and away the most classy batsman on view, but even his rare ability to hit the ball on the up was put to a severe test in these conditions. He managed six fine blows for four before becoming Small's fourth victim, driving at one too wide and still drifting, and Thorne, at second slip, took a good catch.

Holmes's recent bad run had already advanced another gloomy step when he was leg-before in the same over; and Glamorgan had lost half their side for 84. Thomas, saviour of the first innings, was bowled by a fearsome off-cutter from Munton, and it was left to Derrick and North, to inch Glamorgan into a position from which they could win.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 272 (J G Thomas 110, M P Maynard 53; G C Small 6 for 79, A A Donald 4 for 59).

Second Innings

*A R Butcher c Holloway b Small	11
P A Cottey b Donald	3
M J Cann c Holloway b Small	22
M P Maynard c Thorne b Small	36
G C Holmes low b Small	4
J Derrick not out	17
J G Thomas b Munton	0
†C P Metson c Asif Din b Small	1
P D North c Banks b Donald	21
S L Watkin not out	2
Extras (b 2, lb 1, w 3, nb 4)	10
Total (8 wkts)	127

S R Barwick to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-18, 3-67, 4-81, 5-82, 6-85, 7-86, 8-123.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 215 (A I Kallicharran 63; S L Watkin 8 for 59).

Bonus points: Warwickshire 6, Glamorgan 7.

Umpires: J D Bond and R A White.

OFFICIAL CORRECTION: Warwickshire v Glamorgan: Warwickshire first innings: Watkin 31-10-59-8, not as previously published.

Spin takes Lancashire along the wrong lines

By Martin Searby

OLD TRAFFORD: Yorkshire, with two second-innings wickets in hand, lead Lancashire by 177 runs

Lancashire will not be very pleased with the progress made in the 30 overs possible yesterday. Play did not start until 4.30 and Yorkshire added 52 runs for the loss of one wicket.

Despite the balloon protecting the square and the bowlers' run-ups being covered, the umpires appeared over-concerned with the state of the outfield. From 4.00 players were practising on it, the groundstaff were not working and when the game started there was no need for the ball to be dried with a towel.

Curiously, in view of what had gone before, Hughes, the Lancashire captain, used Allott for three overs before returning to the off spin of Fitton, who was immediately successful. Hartley, the thorn in Lancashire's side throughout the game, was yorked.

Atherton's leg breaks were preferred to Folley's left-arm spin and although the captain of Cambridge University was able to achieve a good amount of turn his line was not the right one for tailenders.

Too many balls were pitched at the leg stump instead of making the batsmen reach to the one aimed at the off stump, with the added hazard of the googly turning from the correct spot. The inaccuracy allowed Booth to follow his best bowling with the highest innings of his career.

Fitton was again the more controlled bowler, with 31 overs costing 59 runs and providing six wickets, a performance which at least provides Lancashire with a viable alternative to the veteran Simmons.

Folley eventually bowled two overs and his first delivery illustrated the problems that will face Lancashire as it turned and spat to beat the forward defensive prod and the off stump. He was again beset by difficulty with his line and Yorkshire should feel confident of using the pitch to greater effect.

A target in excess of 200 will require the greatest application from the Lancashire batsmen.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 224 (P J Hartley 127 not out; P J W Allott 5 for 70).

Second Innings

M D Moxon c Fowler b Fitton	24
A A Metcalfe c and b Folley	18
D Byas b Fitton	3
P E Robinson c Hegg b Fitton	4
J D Love c Mendis b Fitton	31
†R J Blakey low b Fitton	0
*P Carrick c Hughes b Folley	0
P J Hartley b Fitton	38
P A Booth not out	33
C Shaw not out	18
Extras (lb 4)	4
Total (8 wkts)	171

S D Fletcher to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-43, 3-52, 4-55, 5-56, 6-56, 7-118, 8-135.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 218 (A N Hayhurst 57; P Carrick 5 for 62; P A Booth for 88).

Bonus points: Lancashire 6, Yorkshire 6.

Umpires: R Julian and M J Kitchen.

The three league polo matches scheduled to be played for the Guards Club autumn tournament at Windsor Great Park yesterday were postponed, owing to adverse ground conditions, until today.

Buckinghamshire fail to qualify for NatWest

Minor Counties cricket by Mike Berry

Buckinghamshire, the 1987 champions, are one of the seven Minor Counties sides who have failed to qualify for a lucrative place in next season's NatWest Trophy.

Until the last day of their campaign, Buckinghamshire seemed certain to follow their championship triumph with the western division wooden spoon. Only victory over Oxfordshire in their final fixture on Monday saved their blushes.

Jack Tomlin, the Buckinghamshire secretary, explains it as "a combination of atrocious weather, injuries and the fact that we didn't perform as well as in 1987".

Steve Edwards, their man of the match in the famous NatWest Trophy win over Somerset last season, missed the whole of the programme after undergoing a knee operation.

The 13 Minor Counties sides who have qualified for the NatWest Trophy are: Cheshire, Cambridgeshire, Durham, Staffordshire, Berkshire, Dorset, Suffolk, Hertfordshire, Oxfordshire, Cumberland, Wiltshire, Shropshire and Northumberland. The first round draw will be announced on Monday.

EASTERN DIVISION

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Cambridgeshire	9	5	0	4	57
Durham	9	3	1	5	43
Staffordshire	9	3	2	4	42
Suffolk	9	2	2	5	38
Hertfordshire	9	2	2	5	33
Cumberland	9	2	1	6	33
Northumberland	9	1	3	5	25
Norfolk	9	1	2	6	20
Bedfordshire	9	0	2	7	17
Lincolnshire	9	0	4	5	14

WESTERN DIVISION

Cheshire	9	5	1	3*	62
Berkshire	9	3	2	4	42
Dorset	9	3	1	5	40
Oxfordshire	9	1	1	7*	33
Wiltshire	9	2	2	5	28
Shropshire	9	1	1	7	26
Devon	9	1	1	7	23
Buckinghamshire	9	1	3	5	23
Wales	9	0	3	6	20
Cornwall	9	1	3	5	18

* includes a bad match

NO PLAY YESTERDAY

Britannic Assurance County Championship

THE OVAL: Surrey (A J Stewart 133, D J Bicknell 50, D M Ward 50; I L Pont 5 for 103); Essex 118 for 2 (G A Gooch 78 not out).

HOVE: Middlesex 471 for 9 dec (R O Butcher 134, J E Emburey 73 not out, M A Ramprakash 66; A C S Pigott 4 for 139); Sussex 97 for 1.

SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire 113 (K M Curran 4 for 24) and 113 for 6; Gloucestershire 138 (K D James 5 for 25, C A Connor 4 for 43).

LEICESTER: Leicestershire 332 for 9 dec (D I Gower 148, L Potter 85; F D Stephenson 4 for 107); Nottinghamshire 118 for 8.

Tour match

DERBY: Sri Lankans 297 for 6 dec (P A De Silva 76, D S B P Kuruppu 55 not out, L R D Mendis 55); Derbyshire 15 for 1.

Other match

SCARBOROUGH: World XI 143; MCC 137 for 2.

Second XI championship

HASTINGS: Middlesex 255 v Sussex 12 for 0.

MARKET HARBOROUGH: Derbyshire 94 for 5 v Leicestershire.

CANTERBURY: Lancashire 181; Kent 183 for 3.

WORCESTER: Worcestershire 189 for 7 v Gloucestershire.

WATER SKIING

Amelyanchik in dominant tricks form

Marina Amelyanchik, of the Soviet Union, broke her own European tricks record during the opening round of the AST European championships at Kirtons Farm Country Club, near Reading. The student from Minsk, aged 26, scored 8,110 points to win her third successive European tricks title.

After the preliminaries, it appears the main challenger will be Natalia Rumiantseva, the three-time Soviet world champion, who scored 6,850 points.

Philippa Roberts, the British champion, qualified for tomorrow's finals in seventh place with 5,110 points. The rest of the British team begin their campaign today.

CARRIAGE DRIVING

Swiss driver leads with 33 penalties

At the end of the first day of dressage at the world championships in Apeldoorn, The Netherlands, Swiss driver, Hans Peter Ruschlin, leads with 33 penalties (Findlay Davidson writes).

Peter Munt, the only member of the British team to go yesterday, is 18 penalties behind the leader.

RESULTS: 1 H Ruschlin (Switz), 33 penalties; 2 A Aarts (Neth), 36; 3 B Duan (WG), 41. British placings: 12, P Munt, 51; 23, R Margrade, 66.

FOOTBALL: BOBBY ROBSON SEES WARM-UP OPPONENTS PROVIDE MORE OF A THREAT THAN WORLD CUP RIVALS

Denmark promise to make it anything but easy for England

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Bobby Robson's spying mission to Scandinavia in midweek has prompted fears about the fate of England in their opening fixture of the season. He watched Denmark, who will be the visitors at Wembley on September 14, win in Sweden on Wednesday by a deceptively narrow margin of 2-1.

The Danes, who have replaced several ageing internationals with youthful members of their talented Olympic squad, were "almost unrecognizable" from the side that competed in the European championship finals during the summer. "I was impressed by them and they could have scored two or three more goals," Robson added.

Robson remains convinced that the Swedes — for whom Petterson scored — are the principal threat in England's World Cup qualifying group which also includes Albania and Poland. He said that he would "not be kidded by the result. They will be a different side at Wembley next month."

Sweden deserve to be hailed as the strongest nation to have failed to reach the European finals. Within the last year they have beaten three of the European Championship semi-finalists (Italy at home and both West Germany and the Soviet Union away).

Denmark's triumph, particularly on foreign territory, is therefore all the more significant. Within a fortnight they could have prolonged England's sequence of initial disappointment which stretches back to the beginning of the decade. Not since the win over Norway by 4-0 in 1980 have they started with a convincing performance.

Since Robson took over six years ago, his side has registered only one win in September, by a lone goal over East Germany.

The Danes, having left the recent European championship without a single point, are now entering a new era. England, the only other country to be beaten three times in West Germany, are unlikely yet to be reshaped by their manager but a revolution may not be far away.

Should England go down to both of their forthcoming Scandinavian opponents, the senior representatives would not be the only ones in danger of subsequent exclusion. Even though Robson's contract is not scheduled to end until 1990, his own position would at least be reviewed by the international committee of the Football Association.

Robson will be unable to select his most reliable forward against Denmark. Lineker, who was responsible for saving England from an embarrassingly early departure from the World Cup finals two years ago, has not fully recovered from hepatitis, the disease which severely restricted his contribution in West Germany.

The compensation is that the nation's most dependable defender is expected to be included in the squad on Tuesday. Butcher, in whose absence England conceded six goals in their closing two matches last season, has at last resumed a career which was interrupted for some six months by a broken leg.



History-maker: tomorrow Kim George will become the first woman to referee an FA cup tie

Woman blowing the whistle on an all male prerogative

By Mick Cleary

"I'm not saying anything that will harm the name of football."

"But how do you deal with players like Vinny Jones?"

"I've told you once: no comment." Out came the yellow card.

"But, seriously, don't you think that standards of behaviour have deteriorated?" With a flourish of the red card, I was almost out of the door before the interview had started.

When Kim George says something, she certainly means it, as the players of Shoreham and Eastbourne United will discover tomorrow when Ms George, aged 28, referees their FA Cup preliminary round match, and by doing so become the first woman to officiate in the 116-year history of the competition.

She has only one worry. "I would hate there to be any attention focused on me, because it's a very special day for the players and I don't want the limelight taken away from them. After all, I'm only there to give them a game of football."

She is as nonplussed about the occasion off the field — "Oh, Lord, not someone else ringing for an interview. What is all the fuss about?" — as she is unflappable on it. In last Saturday's Sussex County League second division match between Newhaven and Broadbridge Heath, she quite coolly awarded a debatable penalty against the home side, Newhaven.

Not only that, she ordered it to be retaken when the goalkeeper saved by moving too quickly. There was no protest, not even from the *cognoscenti*

George is well used to the banter which, she says, only very occasionally degenerates into abuse. Her initiation was 12 years ago, when she passed the first stage of the referees' examination. When she returned from teacher training college in 1981, to take up a maths post at Felpham Comprehensive, in Bognor, she started to pursue her refereeing more seriously.

She has put up with less-than-loving receptions from hostile spectators, the often dilapidated or even non-existent changing facilities and the scant reward (£3.50) for one reason alone: "I just love football."

From the moment she first stood on the terraces with her father at White Hart Lane, (chance would be a fine thing these days), she wanted to be involved in the game in some capacity. As she sees it, the key to good refereeing is experience, which breeds a feel for the fraught situations which may arise.

Her aspirations are limited to continuing to enjoy her Saturday afternoons. "I'm not a strident feminist carrying the banner for women in the sport. I'm not bothered whether I'm doing division five of the West Sussex League or an FA Cup tie. It's just a game of football."

RUGBY LEAGUE

Big signings likely to draw bigger crowds this season

By Keith Mackin

The meeting of the newly established board of directors at Leeds on Wednesday was a muted and low-profile affair largely concerned with internal administration. This may not always be the case as the five men who comprise the Rugby League's new ruling body begin to flex their muscles and assert their opinion.

There are five members of the board, chairman Bob Ashby, Harry Jepson, Maurice Lindsay, Jo Seddon and Rodney Walker, and each has a special area of responsibility such as finance, publicity, sponsorship, development or discipline.

With David Oxley as chief executive they are determined to maintain the code's increasing impact on Britain's sporting consciousness. The fact that Rugby League is about to build on last season's 25 per cent increase in attendances was shown by Sunday's crowd figures in the first division, which topped an aggregate of 50,000 for seven games for the first time since two divisions were introduced in 1973.

Together with the publicity generated by the big Rugby Union signings, David Bishop and Adrian Hadley, and the emergence of Ellery Hanley as Australia's most wanted player, Rugby League seems set for a gigantic lift-off in 1988-89.

Already two members of the board of directors have made their opinions felt in an unofficial "table talk" capacity during the charity shield weekend in the Isle of Man. The chairman, Bob Ashby, and Maurice Lindsay are standard bearers of a belief that this match, as one of the game's trophies, should be played on one of the top grounds on the mainland such as Headingley, Central Park or even Old Trafford, and they expressed their views in an off-the-record chat with the organizer of the event on the island, Paul Gaskell.

Gaskell's point of view, which has a considerable weight of opinion behind it, is that the charity shield was introduced as an Isle of Man venture and is much more than a match. It is a holiday weekend with the game as the centrepiece, a social and competitive curtain-raiser for the new season. Gaskell's says that the charity shield game held anywhere else would be little more than just another exhibition match.

● Bradford Northern, the holders, are to meet Leeds at Headingley in the outstanding tie of the John Smith's Yorkshire Cup second round on September 18. Castleford, last season's beaten finalists, will be at home to second division Huddersfield.

DRAW: Castleford v Huddersfield, York v Mansfield, Wakefield Trinity v Dewsbury, Hull v Hunslet, Keighley v Hull K R, Halifax v Batley, Leeds v Bradford Northern, Featherstone v Doncaster.

Telford suffer as county ban Lloyd

Non-League football by Paul Newman

An incident after a match last season in the second division of the Chester and District League is to deprive Telford United of their leading scorer for five matches. As a result of the incident Tom Lloyd will begin a 28-day suspension on Monday, just as he has established himself in the Telford attack as successor to the prolific Steve Norris, who was sold in the summer to Scarborough.

Lloyd appeared last season as a non-contract player for both Telford and Malpas, a Cheshire junior club. In April, he had been watching a match involving the Malpas reserve team when he was cautioned after the final whistle for swearing at the referee, who recognized him as a Malpas player. He was reported to the Cheshire Football Association, who imposed the 28-day suspension, which covers all levels of football.

The affair highlights a long-standing controversy over discrepancies in disciplinary procedures in the non-League game. Disciplinary matters involving players with clubs which are full members of the Football Association are dealt with by the FA, while players with associate member clubs go to the county associations, who generally impose stiffer punishments.

Stan Storton, the Telford manager, said: "The severity of the suspension is a joke when you think of the number of bookings in matches you have to collect before you're suspended. What's more, we're being penalized for something which had nothing to do with us. If they had suspended him from local club football it would have been understandable. We tried to lodge a protest, but by the time we heard anything about it we were too late."

Lloyd's suspension comes at a bad time for Telford. John Stringer, another forward, had a cartilage operation on Wednesday and on Monday Telford lost for the first time this season, 1-0 at home to Boston United.

That victory preserved Boston's 100 per cent record and took them to the top of the GM Vauxhall Conference table. Having already attracted two home attendances of more than 2,000, they should draw an even bigger crowd tomorrow for the visit of third-placed Maidstone United.

While Boston have been spending freely in the transfer market, Kettering Town, the only other Conference club with a 100 per cent record this season, continue to sell rather than buy. The latest player to leave is Frank Murphy, a forward, who has joined Barnet for £10,000. Peter Morris, the Kettering manager, said yesterday: "Money is available for me to buy players, but at the moment I'm delighted with the way things are going, especially as we had to do so much rebuilding in the summer."

● Tamworth, who were promoted from the Bank's Brewery (West Midlands) League at the end of last season, have been watched by crowds of 1,406 and 1,385 in their first two matches in the midland division of the Beazer Homes League. Burton Albion and Merthyr Tydfil are the only other clubs in the league to have drawn four-figure home crowds this season.

● A fire has caused more than £20,000 worth of damage to the dressing-rooms at Hendon's Claremont Road ground. Hendon players had to use shower facilities in a nearby park after their Vauxhall-Opel League match against Marlow on Tuesday.

● One of the most famous names from the days of amateur football will be revived tomorrow, when Ilford FC (1987) play their first competitive match at home to Hackney Downs Athletic in the Spartan League. Ilford are sharing East Ham United's ground while looking for their own home. The original Ilford club won the FA Amateur Cup twice before merging with Leytonstone nine years ago.

David Bulstrode dies, 47

By Dennis Sigay

David Bulstrode, the chairman of Queen's Park Rangers and a recently elected member of the Football League management committee, died in St Stephen's Hospital, Chelsea, yesterday at the age of 47.

The cause of death will not be known until a post mortem examination today. Bulstrode was chairman of Marler Estates and he will be succeeded as chairman of Rangers by his business associate Robert Noonan, the vice-chairman of the club.

Bulstrode, a comparative newcomer to football, had a meteoric rise after taking over from Jim Gregory as chairman of Rangers in June 1987.

Jim Smith, the Rangers manager, said: "His death was a tremendous shock because of what he has done for the club; we have got to press on with his dreams and plans. I have not only lost a super chairman but a very good friend."

David Seaman, the Rangers captain, said: "He was the ideal chairman and will be missed by all of us. He was the nicest, most friendly and chatty chairman I ever had the fortune to meet."

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Shrewsbury's night games beat the heat

Schools football by George Chesterton

Many schools have enjoyed pre-season tours, including Shrewsbury who played six matches in Florida. Extreme temperatures made this a taxing experience but half the games were played at night. They had three wins, two losses and one draw.

Charterhouse took a young side on a three-match visit to Mayen, in West Germany, Godalming's twin town. They gained valuable experience, winning the first match and losing the other two. Malvern went on a short tour to Holland where they had some hard training. They won their three matches.

Eton were even more ambitious with a fortnight in Japan. They played their last match in front of a large crowd at Kobe. They won only one of their six matches but three of their seasoned players were unable to make the tour.

The captain of Repton will be their sweeper, Anthony Jordan. There are three other old colours and prospects should be bright. Bradfield, in contrast, have only three players with any first-team experience and no old colours.

Brentwood made a four-day tour of Guernsey. With three players from last year's Southern Schools XI, including their captain, M J Spackman, they should have a good season. They have added Shrewsbury to their fixture list.

West Ham impose life ban on troublemakers

By Louise Taylor

West Ham United yesterday imposed life bans on 16 "supporters" following the discovery of leaflets from the notorious "Inter-City Firm" at the ground after the recent testimonial match for Alvin Martin.

Subsequent talks between West Ham officials and the police led to the implementation of yesterday's bans. Tom Finn, the club secretary, said: "Following discussions with the police and acting on information received, we have written to all 16 'supporters' informing them of this decision and warning them that if they try to enter our ground they will be refused admission.

"Obviously, ensuring that these bans are operated will be down to the police, but they know all the 16 people concerned very well and will be keeping a careful watch.

"If at any time in the future they are found within Upton Park they will be ejected and prosecuted for trespassing. We are a private club and it is quite within our legal rights to take this action."

The club imposed 12 life bans in January 1987, but yesterday Finn said: "We want to stress that hooliganism has not been a major problem at West Ham recently. We are taking this action because we do not want to become complacent. We want to act in a responsible manner in order to make Upton Park as comfortable as possible for the people who come to watch football here.

"The introduction of the bans just before our first home game of the season has been purposely timed to achieve maximum impact. We have worked hard and successfully to keep violence and trouble to a minimum at our ground, and these orders are part of an on-going effort.

"The introduction of closed-circuit television has had a marked effect and we have installed an additional camera for this season," he added.

● Crystal Palace will be able to field only one recognized central defender against Watford tomorrow if the club captain, Gavin Nebbeling, fails a fitness test for Jeff Hopkins, a £240,000 signing from Fulham, is serving a two-match ban.

● The Scottish international forward, Maurice Johnston, has ended speculation that he may be about to return from Nantes to join Sheffield Wednesday or Aston Villa. His manager, Bill McMurdo, said yesterday: "Maurice has asked me to make it clear that he is perfectly happy where he is.

● Blackburn Rovers had a turnover exceeding £1 million for the first time last season. A profit of £185,000 was recorded and gate receipts almost doubled, which the chairman, William Fox, attributed largely to the import of Steve Archibald from Barcelona.

Republic banking on Brady

Liam Brady has been included in a 21 man-squad named yesterday by the Republic of Ireland manager, Jack Charlton, for the World Cup qualifying game against Northern Ireland at Windsor Park, Belfast, on September 14.

Brady, capped a record 66 times, missed the Republic's gallant run to within eight minutes of a semi-final place in the European championship finals last June because of suspension and injury.

However, he did play a reserve game for his club, West Ham United, on Saturday and Charlton is hopeful that his leg injury will have fully recovered to allow him to play in the European group six match.

The only player missing from the Republic's squad in West Germany is the Celtic goalkeeper, Bonner, who is ruled out with a back injury.

He has been replaced in the squad by by the Rotherham United goalkeeper, Kelhan O'Hanlon, although Gerry Peyton seems certain to win his 25th cap.

SQUAD: G Peyton (Bournemouth), K O'Hanlon (Rotherham), C Morris, M McCarthy (both Celtic), K Moren (Sporting Gijon), C Hughton (Tottenham Hotspur), P McGrath (Man Utd), J Anderson (Newcastle), R Whelan, R Houghton (both Liverpool), K Sheedy (Everton), A Galvin (Sheff Wed), J Byrne (Le Havre), L Brady (West Ham), J Sheridan (Leeds), L O'Brien (Man Utd), J Aldridge (Liverpool), F Stapleton (Unatt), N Quinn (Arsenal), A Cascarino (Millwall), D Kelly (West Ham).

SQUASH RACKETS

Education in defeat for Harris

From a Correspondent
Hong Kong

Del Harris was able to remain philosophical after his second defeat in straight games in a week by Chris Dittmar, the world No. 3, in the Cathay Pacific-Dunlop Open championships in Hong Kong.

The British champion, aged 19, admitted that the Australian simply knew too much for him as he powered to a 15-11, 15-6, 15-9 victory in 45 minutes.

"I've got to play these top people to learn. Perhaps I try too hard to make winning shots all the time instead of being more patient," he said.

Dittmar is scheduled for a final with the world No. 1, Jansher Khan, who put out Jason Nicolle, from Guernsey. The Young England captain did not disgrace himself in losing 15-3, 15-12, 15-8.

Another Briton, Jamie Hickox, gained a controversial victory over the world No. 7, Umar Hayat Khan, when the Pakistani walked out of the court when trailing 9-2 in the fifth game. He was apparently suffering from a temperature.

RESULTS: Second round: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt J Nicolle (GB), 15-3, 15-12, 15-8; B Martin (Aus) bt S Butt (Can), 11-15, 15-5, 15-12, 15-11; R Martin (Aus) bt S Hailstone (GB), 15-9, 12-15, 15-12, 15-11; C Dittmar (Aus) bt D Harris (GB), 15-11, 15-6, 15-9; J Hickox (GB) bt Umar Hayat Khan (Pak), 11-15, 11-15, 15-7, 15-7, 9-2 — retired; C Robertson (Aus) bt T Nancarrow (Aus), 15-13, 15-5, 15-4.

BOWLS

Little has plenty in reserve

By Gordon Allan

Ron Gass, a Scot who played for England for the first time this summer, has advanced to the quarter-finals of the McCarthy and Stone national mixed pairs championship at the Maidenhead Town club on September 17 and 18.

He and his partner, Eleanor Trotter, from Wigton, Cumbria, play a Croydon pair, Cliff Southon and Mary Duffy.

Garry Little, an England indoor reserve last winter, has also qualified, with Patricia Launders. All the 1987 quarter-finalists lost in earlier rounds.

Tony Allcock and Pat Bradley, who reached the semi-finals two years ago, were beaten by one shot in the seventh, as were Mary Price, the new EWBA singles champion, and Malcolm Giles.

There was a record entry of 3,083 pairs for this year's competition. The prize fund has been increased by £1,000 to £6,000 with the winners getting £1,000.

QUARTER-FINAL DRAW: R and C Sowden (Swindon West End) v T and F Moll (Freethorpe/County Arms); K and J Jones (Banister Park/Southampton) v D Wakefield and M Smith (Aveley); C Southon and M Duffy (Croydon) v R Gass and E Trotter (Wigton); G Little (Mid-Surrey) and P Launders (Cambridge Park) v I Jenkins and J Taylor (Cripplegate).

YACHTING

Cole fights off a late American challenge

By Roger Lean-Vercoe

Simon Cole, from Christchurch, scored the first win of the week for Great Britain in the sixth race of the Timex Laser world championship in Falmouth yesterday while Ann Keates, from Poole, who at one stage held the lead in the women's race, nearly made it a British double.

Away at the first attempt at a start Stephen Bourdow, from United States, led the fleet for the first triangle, but let Cole through into a narrow lead. Cole pulled away in the slightly weaker breeze of the second pair of reaches and fought off a challenge from Bourdow in the wind shifts of an exciting last leg, to finish three boat lengths clear of the American. Glenn Bourke, from Australian, who finished fourteenth, leads overall but with several boats close on points will have a tough final race today.

In the women's event, Keates snatched the lead from Ulrika Antonsson, of Sweden, at the leeward mark and looked set to repeat her win in Wednesday's race. But the Swede, noted for her heavy-weather performance, had the edge on upwind speed and led once again by the next mark, pulling away steadily for the rest of the race.

Jacqueline Ellis, from Australia finished in fourth place to become the women's world champion with a race to spare.

RESULTS: Timex Laser World Championships: 1, S Cole (GB); 2, S Bourdow (US); 3, A McClure (Aus); 4, A John (WG); 5, R Schutz (WG). Other British placings: 8, M Budd; 15, C Smith; 17, K Wilkins; 21, R Stenhouse; 32, A Brown. Overall positions after six races: 1, G Bourke (Aus) 32 pts; 2, R Lord (NZ) 37 pts; 3, P Tarschez (Brazil) 39.5 pts. Women: Race Six: 1, U Antonsson (Swe); 2, A Keates (GB); 3, J Harkonmaki (Fin); 4, J Ellis (Aus); 5, A Bollweg (Neth). Other British placings: 6, N Ponsford; 8, C Brookes; 10, S Robertson; 11, S Hartley. Overall after six races: 1, J Ellis (Aus) 9.5 pts; 2, U Antonsson (Swe) 17.75 pts; 3, J Harkonmaki (Fin) 18.75 pts. Youth: Race Six: 1, A Holt (Nor); 2, V Aalto-Setala (Fin); 3, S Bruce (Can); 4, J Berg (Swe); 5, J Lasenby (GB). Other British placings: 8, J Lyne; 9, T Powell; 17, R Kent; 20, A Bonsey; 24, C Bates. Overall after six races: 1, V Aalto-Setala 11.75 pts; 2, J Harderwijk (Neth) 16.25 pts; 3, J Berg 23 pts.

SNOOKER

South African players denied Canadian visa

The Canadian Government has confirmed to the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) that it will not grant visas to the five South African tournament professionals for the Canadian Masters tournament next month (Steve Acteson writes).

Martyn Blake, the WPBSA secretary, said yesterday: "The event goes ahead but we have contacted our South African playing members to assure them we will do all we possibly can to try to gain them exemption from this rule. We are asking them (the South Africans) to give an undertaking in writing that they do not support apartheid."

Silvino and Peter Francisco, ranked twelfth and fourteenth in the world, are both directly affected because they would not have had to pre-qualify. The WPBSA will allow the others to play in the qualifying rounds in Blackpool this month.

Silvino Francisco, who applied for British citizenship in April, is threatening legal action against the WPBSA if it allows the tournament to take place.

Williams calls for smoking to be outlawed

Rex Williams, the former chairman of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) that it will not grant visas to the five South African tournament professionals for the Canadian Masters tournament next month (Steve Acteson writes).

"I would like to see it banned," he said. "No one was allowed to smoke in the old days. It's well-known I used to take beta-blockers, but a top medical man told me the greatest stealer of them all is nicotine."

His comments will not have pleased the sponsors of three of the game's top tournaments: Rothmans, Embassy and Benson and Hedges.

● Tony Drago, from Malta, recorded the fastest ever winning frame in a tournament — a mere three minutes — at the Fidelity Unit Trusts international at Stoke-on-Trent on Wednesday (Steve Acteson writes). Drago, ranked No. 20 in the world, made history in the fifth frame of his 5-3, third-round win over Danny Fowler.

FOR THE RECORD

TENNIS

NEW YORK: US Open championships: Men: First round: (US unless stated): M Chang bt L Mattar (Br) 6-4, 6-3, 7-6; T Nilsson bt R Meiler (Br) 6-4, 6-3, 6-2; 6-1, 6-2; J Ross bt J Osterhaus (WG) 3-6, 6-2, 6-1, 6-2; J Frana bt P Fleurian (Fr) 7-6, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1; Y Noah (Fr) bt K Jones 7-6, 6-4, 6-1; R Leach bt S Melville 6-7, 7-5, 6-1, 7-6; C Mezzadri (Switz) bt A Castle (GB) 6-1, 5-7, 6-2, 7-5; J Lozano (Mex) bt J Grabb 6-2, 7-5, 3-6, 7-5; G Connell (Can) bt C Bergstrom (Swe) 3-6, 7-6, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4; A Agassi bt P Johnson 7-6, 6-3, 6-3; J Hlasek (Switz) bt C Pistolesi (It) 6-2, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; J Skoitenberg (Aus) bt M Anger 6-7, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4; W Masur (Aus) bt R Smith (Bah) 6-2, 6-3, 6-4; J Svensson (Swe) bt T Wasiuen 6-3, 6-3, 5-4; G Pozzi (It) bt P Lundgren (Swe) 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2; J Connors bt A Moreno (Mex), 6-3, 6-2, 6-2; G Bloom (Isr) bt P Korda (Cz), 4-6, 6-4, 2-1 ret; G Pozzi (It) bt P Lundgren (Swe), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3; J Skoitenberg (Aus) bt M Anger, 6-7, 4-6, 6-3; J Svensson (Swe) bt J Nystrom (Swe), 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; M Jaite (Arg) bt T Champion (Fr), 6-1, 6-4, 1-6, 6-0; R Seguso bt M Mecir, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3; S Davis bt J Bates (GB), 6-4, 6-3, 6-1; T Mayotte bt J Pugh, 6-3, 6-4, 4-6, 5-7, 6-3; P Aldrich (SA) bt W Kowalski (Pol), 7-5, 6-3, 5-4; J Brown bt D Goldie, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6; J Palmer bt J Tarango, 2-6, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-0; R Reneberg bt M Valdir (Cz), 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 4-6; M Davis bt C Motta (Br), 5-7, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4; R Agenor (Haiti) bt K Evernden, 3, 6-4, 6-4; R Agenor (Haiti) bt K Evernden (NZ), 6-1, 3-6, 7-5, 6-4, 6-1; J Berger bt D Cassidy, 6-4, 6-0, 6-2; D Rostagno bt Y Doumbia (Sen), 6-3, 6-7, 6-3, 7-6.

Women: First round: M Torres bt M Yanagi (Japan) 1-6, 6-4, 6-4; B Nagelsen bt C Bergman 6-2, 6-2; S Graf (WG) bt E Minter (Aus) 6-1, 6-1; S Hanika (WG) bt S Garner (GB) 6-1, 6-3; M Bollegraf (Neth) bt L Domonguez 6-1, 6-3; M Bollegraf (Aus) bt G Fernandez (P Rico) 6-4, 6-0; C Evert bt C Martinez (Sp) 6-4, 6-1; R Reis bt M Werdel 6-4, 6-0; S Handel (WG) bt S Gomer (GB) 6-1, 6-3; B Potter bt W Probst (WG) 6-2, 6-3; N Herreman (Fr) bt K Ranaldi 6-4, 5-2; H Sukova bt L Lapi (It) 6-4, 6-4; J Sanbrock bt P Hudcova (Cz) 6-2, 6-2; 6-1; R Raichanova (Cz) bt P Huber (Austria), 6-1, 1-6, 7-6; M Maleeva (Bul) bt N Provis (SA), 6-2, 6-3; A Grossman bt B Schulz (Neth), 6-4, 7-5; J Wiesner (Austria) bt J Novotna (Cz), 6-2, 6-3; L McNeil bt I Budarova (Cz), 6-4, 6-2; K Maleeva (Bul) bt E Inoue (Japan), 6-2, 6-1; B Nagelsen bt C Bergman, 6-2, 6-2; R Raichatova (Cz) bt P Huber (Austria), 6-7, 7-6, 7-6; N Jagerman (Neth) bt K Adams, 6-2, 7-6; C Porwik (WG) bt M Gurney, 6-1, 6-1; B Herr bt M L Daniels, 6-3, 1-6, 6-2; I Cueto (WG) bt L Green, 6-4, 6-0; N Bykova (USSR) bt A Dechaume (Fr), 6-3, 4-6, 6-4; L Garrone (It) bt C Tanner (Fr), 7-6, 6-3; R White bt S Franki (WG), 7-6, 2-6, 7-6; L Porun bt M Javer 7-6, 6-4; H Sukova (Cz) bt L Bonder-Kraiss, 6-1, 6-4.

PRUDENTIAL JUNIOR COUNTY CUP: Boys: Group one: (Queen's): Essex 5, Surrey 1; Lancashire 3, Middlesex 3 (three unfinished); Winners: Essex. Relegated: Surrey. Group two: (Eastbourne): Yorkshire 8, Devon 1; two (Maidenhead): Yorkshire 8, Devon 1; Kent 7, Hertfordshire 2. Promoted: Yorkshire. Relegated: Devon. Group three: (East Gloucester): South Wales 5, Hants and IOW 3; Cheshire 8, Bucks 1. Promoted: Cheshire. Relegated: Hants and IOW. Group four: (Carrisbrooke): Norfolk 8, Sussex 3; Dorset 7, Notts 2. Promoted: Norfolk. Relegated: Notts. Group five: (Cambridge): Avon 5, Leicestershire 4; Warwickshire 5, East of Scotland 4. Promoted: Avon. Relegated: East of Scotland. Group six: (Trieg): Staffordshire 5, Durham and Cleveland 4; Berkshire 8, North Wales 1. Promoted: Berkshire. Relegated: North Wales. Girls: Group one: (Queen's): Surrey 4, Yorkshire 2; Essex 5, Warwickshire 1. Winners: Surrey. Relegated: Yorkshire. Group two: (Solihull Arden): Devon 5, Leicestershire 4; Middlesex 6, Cambridgeshire 3. Promoted: Middlesex. Relegated: Cambridgeshire. Group three: (Exeter G and CC): Hampshire and IOW 7, Avon 2; Lancashire 8, Nottinghamshire 0. Promoted: Lancashire. Relegated: Notts. Group four: (Gerrards Cross): Sussex 7, Berkshire 2; Hertfordshire 7, Kent 2. Promoted: Sussex. Relegated: Kent. Group five: (Edgbaston Priory): Cheshire 5, Norfolk 4; Dorset 7, Buckinghamshire 2. Promoted: Cheshire. Relegated: Bucks. Group six: (Cardiff): North Wales 6, Lincolnshire 3; Staffordshire 7, Hereford and Worcester 2. Promoted: Staffordshire. Relegated: Hereford and Worcester.

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: American League: Detroit Tigers 9, Chicago White Sox 3; Kansas City Royals 1, Cleveland Indians 0; Milwaukee Brewers 4, Toronto Blue Jays 2; Minnesota Twins 10, Texas Rangers 1; New York Yankees 4, Seattle Mariners 1; California Angels 7, Baltimore Orioles 5; Oakland Athletics 7, Boston Red Sox 2. National League: San Diego Padres 8, New York Mets 3; Cincinnati Reds 4, Pittsburgh Pirates 1; Montreal Expos 4, Los Angeles Dodgers 3; San Francisco Giants 3, Philadelphia Phillies 2 (11 inns); St Loud Cardinals 6, Atlanta Braves 4, Chicago Cubs 3, Houston Astros 1.

ROME: World amateur championship: Italy 11, Netherlands 2.

RUGBY LEAGUE

YORKSHIRE CUP: First round: Bramley 16, Leeds 35; Sheffield Eagles 8, Wakefield Trinity 28.

RUGBY UNION

TONBRIDGE TOUR MATCHES: (In Canada): Montreal Wanderers 14, Tonbridge 16; Bytown Blues 31, Tonbridge 3; North Halton 14, Tonbridge 9; Toronto Lions 12, Tonbridge 29.

SQUASH RACKETS

ROTHWELL: Leeds: Webster's Open championship: Men's quarter-final: S Glynn bt P Thackray, 9-2, 9-3, 9-4. Women's semi-finals: L Roberts bt J Sindell, 9-7, 9-4, 9-1; G Topass bt D King, 9-5, 9-2, 9-4.

FISHING

RUTLAND WATER: Beeston and Hedgon fly championship: International final: 1, Conyngrant FFC (Eng), 61lb 14½oz (41 fish); 2, Bath and dist FFA (Eng), 57lb 8½oz, (43); 3, Llanilar AA (Wales), 55lb 5½oz (43).

WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

LITTLEWOODS CUP: First round, first leg: Scarborough 1, Halifax Town 1; West Bromwich Albion 0, Peterborough United 3.

MERCANTILE CREDIT CENTENARY TROPHY: Quarter-final: Queen's Park Rangers 0, Arsenal 2.

SKOL CUP: Fourth round: Dundee United 2, Celtic 0; Dunfermline Athletic 1, Heart of Midlothian 4; Hibernian 1, Aberdeen 2; Rangers 4, Dundee 1.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa 2, Huddersfield 0; Everton 2, Newcastle 0; Leeds 0, Manchester City 2; Leicester 2, Coventry 1. Second division: Mansfield 1, Bolton 2; Notts County 5, Blackpool 1; Oldham 4, Grimsby 2; Rotherham 2, Bradford 2; Scunthorpe 6, Doncaster 1; Stoke 1, Port Vale 1.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Brighton 2, Charlton 1; Chelsea 0, Tottenham 1; Oxford United 3, Crystal Palace 1.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Fulham 3, Cambridge United 0; Ipswich 4, Norwich 3; Portsmouth 2, Southend 2; Watford 1, Queen's Park Rangers 1. Second division: Reading 2, Luton 6; Swindon 4, Wimbledon 4.

AC DELCO CUP: Preliminary round: Collier Row 3, Eastbourne United 0; Feltham 2, Maidenhead United 2; Flackwell Heath 1, Wolverton 0; Horsham 4, Finchley 0; Petersfield 2, Clapton 1; Royston 0, Witham 2; Tring 0, Whyteleafe 2.

LOMBARD ULSTER CUP: Quarter-finals: Portadown 1, Ballyclare 0; Glenavon 1, Larne 2.

FOOTBALL

FA YOUTH CUP: Preliminary round: Brantford 7, Kingsbury Town 0

IRISH LEAGUE: Glenavon 1, Larne 2.

WORLD CUP: European qualifying group three: Iceland 1, Soviet Union 1. Group four: Finland 0, West Germany 4.

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Sweden 1, Denmark 2; Austria 0, Hungary 0; East Germany 1, Greece 0.

DUTCH LEAGUE: Veendam 0, Twente Enschede 3; Willem II 1, Roda JC Kerkrade 0; BVV Den Bosch 1, RKC Waalwijk 0; VVV Venlo 0, PSV Eindhoven 2; Volendam 4, Haarlem 0; MVV Maastricht 0, Utrecht 2; Fortuna Sittard 1, PEC Zwolle 0; Ajax 2, Sparta Rotterdam 1, Feyenoord 2, Groningen 1. Latest positions: 1, Utrecht pl 4, 6pts; 2, Twente 4, 6; 3, Feyenoord 4, 6.

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Club Bruges 2, FC Liege 2; Waregem 1, Molenbeek 0; Standard Liege 5, Genk 0; Beveren 2, Cercle Bruges 0; St Truiden 3, Kortrijk 0; Anderlecht 2, Charleroi 0; Mechelen 4, Beerschot 3; Antwerp 2, Racing Mechelen 1; Lierse 1, Lokeren 2.

ITALIAN CUP: Preliminary round: Taranto 2, Juventus 4, Roma 2, Como 0; Cremonese 2, Pescara 0; Lucera 1, Pescara 3; Genoa 1, Pisa 1; Fiorentina 3, Virescit 0; Torino 1, Cesena 0; Atalanta 1, Verona 0.

SNOOKER

STOKE-ON-TRENT: Fidelity Unit Trust international tournament: Third round: A Drago (Malta) bt D Fowler (Eng) 5-3, E Hughes (Rep of Ire) bt S Meakin (Eng) 5-0; J White (Eng) bt M Clark (Eng) 5-2; W Thorne (Eng) bt J Chambers (Eng) 5-2; B West (Eng) bt W King (Aus), 5-4.

BOXING

STOKE-ON-TRENT: Light-heavyweight: (8 rds): Denys Cronin (Caerphilly) bt Paul McCanny (Southampton), ko, 4. Heavyweight: (8 rds): Johnny Nelson (Sheffield) bt Andrew Gerrard (Newport), pts. IBBC Super-featherweight championship: (12 rds). Kamal Bou-Ali bt Robert Dodd (Swansea), pts, 6.

YACHTING

LAKE GARDA (Italy): Fireball European championship: Sixth race: (all GB): 1, I Pinnell and D Cripps; 2, A and M Bell (Ire); 3, M Davies and I Cadwallader. Overall: (with discard): 1, Pinnell and Cripps, 14.4pts; 2, P Bedell and G Taylor, 34.1; 3, T Rush and C Miles, 42.7.

BURNHAM: Class 1: 1, Chessbar II (S Pegg); 2, Russine (R Smith); 3, Beta of Burnham (B Prew). Channel Class 1: 1, Lone Shark (S Knifton); 2, Phantoms Wake (J Wiltshier); 3, Sensor (D Chatterton). Channel Class II: 1, Fiona of Burnham (D Geaves); 2, Erotic Bear (L Baker). Channel Handicap Class II: Cheetah of Burnham (A Croker); 2, Mudark of Burnham (B Roper); 3, Das Boot (K Curtis). Second Class Cruiseaza 32: 1, Accelerando (R Chadney); 2, Wild Thyme (R Jones); 3, Red Jacket (D W Lenz). International Dragon: 1, Yankee Doodle (G Cole); 2, Avalanche V (T Wade); 3, Quicksilver (B Stanford). Channel Handicap Class III: 1, Scarlet of Arun (N Holland-Brown); 2, Kruggerand (B Prudence); 3, Aeolus (Essex SS). Class V: 1, Lottabottle (J Keenn); 2, Boat Train (M Fitzgerald), 3, Resolution (J H Pougard). Class VI: 1, Sea Chair (J Peyckel); 2, Wheel Down (D Bartley); 3, Chalk Orange (M Wilson). Static: 1, Antares (P Savage), 2, Flamingo (B Harris).

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Kings Lynn 41, Sheffield 49.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Long Eaton 50, Edinburgh 45.

BOWLS

CARDIFF: Player of the Series Tournament: Semi-finals: R Weale (Wal) bt D Holt (Eng) 7-2, 7-4, A Allcock (Eng) bt S Rees (Wal) 7-2, 7-1. Final: Weale bt Allcock 6-7, 7-5, 7-3.

ATHLETICS

TIMBERSBROOK: Fairhouse road race: (5 miles): Wheelers: Men: M Roberts (City of Stoke), 22min 34sec (course record). Women: B Murray (Macclesfield), 27:28.

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Athletics officials cleared by inquiry into drug abuse

By John Goodbody

The committee of inquiry into allegations of drug abuse in British athletics yesterday accepted that there had been "considerable use" of banned substances between 1976 and 1982, but believes the situation had now greatly improved.

The inquiry, chaired by Peter Coni, QC, was set up by the British Amateur Athletic Board and the Amateur Athletic Association after a series of articles in *The Times* last December.

On specific allegations against leading athletics officials who, it was claimed, had subverted drug testing at British meetings, the 80-page report finds no evidence to substantiate the charges against Robert Stinson, Nigel Cooper and Les Jones.

But the report does say that at the 1985 Peugeot Talbot games at Crystal Palace, Andy Norman, the Board's promotions officer telephoned Stinson, who was in charge of making the random drug-testing selections, to tell him that a group of Soviet athletes were concerned about how the choice of competitors would be made. The committee says this was "a wholly wrong thing to do."

It also says of Norman: "Of all the witnesses with whom we talked, he was the only one to suggest that an athlete would require a high level of expert advice to enhance performance.

"One thing above all others has been made overwhelmingly clear to us during our inquiry: ready availability not only of anabolic steroids but also of more sophisticated drugs on a banned list, and the immediacy of published information enabling those drugs to be used in ways alleged to aid athletic performance and to minimize the likelihood of detection." The committee found Norman's evidence "in this regard unconvincing".

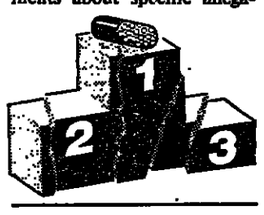
Allegations were made in *The Times* by Martin Girvan, a former international hammer thrower, that Norman had provided him with an untinted urine sample at the 1984 Peugeot Talbot Games. The report concluded that it "cannot possibly find that the accusation made by Girvan is substantiated".

Bill Ferguson, chairman of the AAA, said that the governing body was satisfied with the report, but he said that it had yet to make up its mind what to do about its findings.

The inquiry, which was conducted by Coni, who is also a rowing administrator, Gilbert Kelland, a former Metropolitan Police assistant commissioner, and Wing Commander Dan Davies, a leading athletics official, came after immense controversy about drug taking in sport, including allegations by Carl Lewis, the quadruple Olympic champion, that many of his rivals are taking drugs.

The controvosy in Britain peaked last month with the announcement that Jeff Gutteridge, the international pole vaulter, had been found positive for anabolic steroids, the muscle building drug, in a random out-of-season test in Lanzarote in April. He is the first British athlete to be found positive.

Despite the report's statements about specific allega-



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tions against officials, Coni agreed that the articles in *The Times* were helpful in stimulating an examination of drug abuse in the sport. He said: "It concentrated people's minds. It is a very valuable thing not just for athletics but also for other sports."

The committee said that its refusal to accept evidence in total confidentiality has meant that few contemporary top-class athletes have come forward.

"Inevitably those with whom we talked were far more willing to refer to specific examples and incidents occuring some years ago, and there was a clear reluctance to make comments which might be construed as referring to individual athletes who are still currently competing."

It is therefore significant that the report says that between 1976, the year when steroids were first banned by the International Olympic Committee, and 1982 there was considerable use of drugs "chiefly, but by no means only, anabolic steroids, by many male British athletes in the upper levels of at least the power events."

The report documents evidence of a training camp in Portugal in the early 1980s when the local chemist's shops ran out of hormone drugs because of their purchase by British athletes.

The committee also said that it has no reason to doubt the research reported in *The Times* into the activities of several doctors since 1982 who have admitted to monitoring athletes on a regular basis in circumstances which "can only be construed as checking the effect upon those athletes of the drugs they have been taking to aid their performances.

"Where an athlete is carrying out regular liver toxicity tests on an athlete it is childish to imagine that the doctor is checking for hepatitis or a blood disorder. It can only be to monitor the effect of anabolic steroid use."

Doctors in Edinburgh and Birmingham have admitted performing these tests on British international athletes, and the report said: "We heard evidence supporting this aspect of *The Times* investigations from other sources."

Coni said there were two areas where the temptations were strongest for individuals to take drugs to improve performances. One was people approaching international status, and the other was individuals who were finishing just outside the medals in top events and hoped to take unfair advantage

One of the reasons that Coni thinks that drug taking has receded in British athletics has been the random out-of-season testing instituted two years ago by the British Board. Because steroids are used primarily in training it is important for out-of-season testing to be carried out without prior knowledge to the athlete.

The committee supported the Government's desire for the Sports Council to carry out testing completely independently of officials in any sport. It only hoped that the Government will provide sufficient financial backing to ensure that this is carried out as regularly as the Minister for Sport, Colin Moynihan, wishes.

Lendl stretched to limit at Flushing Meadow

A power play by ATP to run tour

From Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
New York

The Association of Tennis Professionals has threatened to run its own circuit, from 1990 onwards, unless it is granted more power on the Men's Tennis Council and unless the International Tennis Federation is deprived of voting rights. Spokesmen for the ITF and the four grand slam tournaments made it clear, yesterday, that they resented and rejected the ATP demands.

The political warfare in the sport has already lasted for 21 years (there had been earlier skirmishes, too) and has been confused by an "alphabet soup" of competing armies and sporadic changes of allegiance by prominent officers. This round of fighting is likely to lead to the downfall of the Council, an uneasy coalition (ATP, ITF, and tournament directors) that has governed men's professional tennis since 1974.

It is neither surprising nor unreasonable that tennis professionals think they should run professional tennis. The ATP could have assumed that logical role 15 years ago, after the Wimbledon boycott, had its organization and finances been as sound as they are now.

Buzzer Hadingham, the Wimbledon chairman, said yesterday that if the ATP broke away, Wimbledon would continue to support the ITF and the Council, which, imperfect though they may be, were official bodies. Philippe Chatrier, president of the ITF, pointed out: "The biggest tournaments in the world are run by amateur associations and it seems to me that we are not doing a bad job."

Part of the official statement issued by the administrators read: "We believe in the balanced administration of men's tennis through an equal partnership of the players, the tournaments and the ITF. No one faction should dominate. That is the beauty and balance of the grand prix – it provides a forum for all segments of the game to resolve their differences. That is what we strive to preserve.

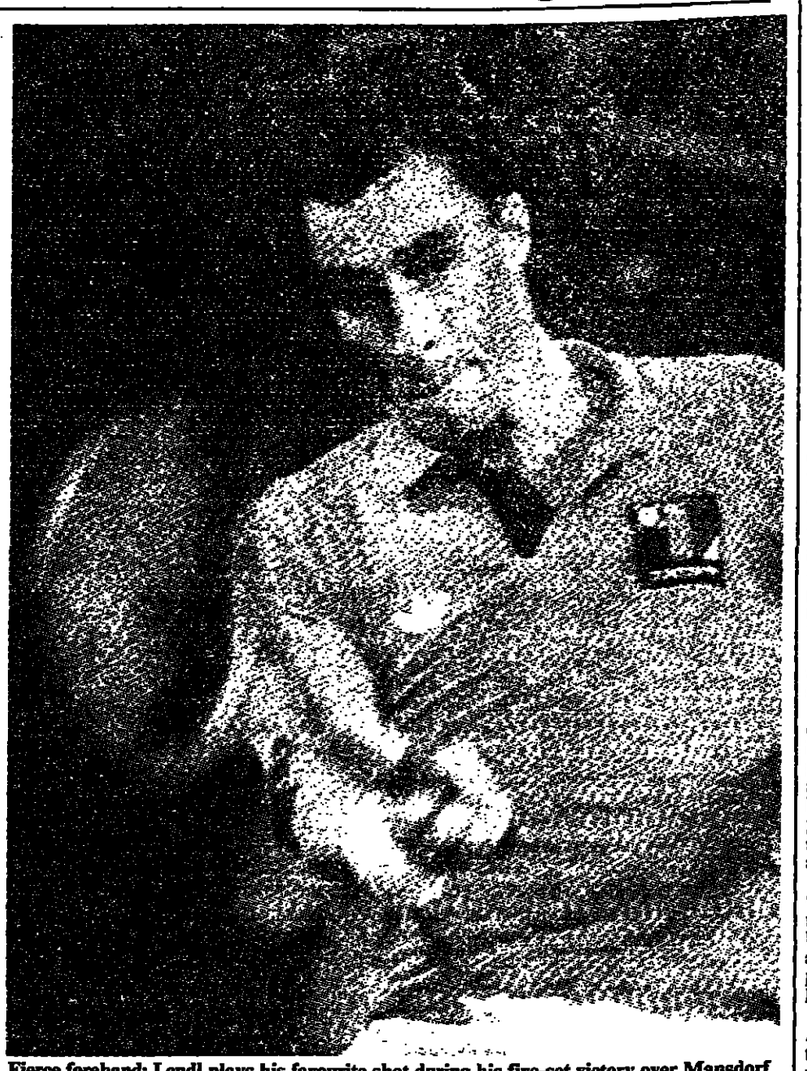
"We would hope the new management of the ATP will re-consider the wisdom of its position in the interest of the game. If not, the grand slams and the ITF, together with the other tournaments of the world who want to be partners in their own destiny, will do everything in their power to ensure the continuation of men's international tennis."

No bans are envisaged. It is conceivable that the four grand slam championships could provide competing interest groups with common ground for at least eight weeks of the year. Those tournaments could not maintain their status without the leading players: and the players need the shop-window. The ATP wants the grand slam events to pool their television rights, but that snag should be negotiable.

The tennis and the weather were far more engaging than the politics. Stefan Edberg, the Wimbledon champion, led the advance into the third round with a 7-5, 6-1, 6-3 win over Guy Forget, the left-hander. Edberg and Mats Wilander are acutely aware that no Swede – not even Bjorn Borg – has been champion here.

The Soviet Union has had some mixed luck in the women's singles. The first seed beaten was Natalia Zvereva, from Minsk. But there was more surprise when Pam Shriver, the fourth seed, was beaten 4-6, 6-1, 6-4 by Leila Meskhi, aged 20, of Tbilisi, Georgia – as did the better known Alex Metreveli.

The six British contenders, two men and four women, all lost in the first round of the singles. The only one to win a set was Andrew Castle. It was all a little sad. Can Britain no longer produce a player – one would do, for a start – who looks at home in a grand slam tournament?



Fierce forehand: Lendl plays his favourite shot during his five-set victory over Mansdorf

END COLUMN

Stick of rock to lick the world



Simon Barnes

New York

Wimbledon is waiting for Andre Agassi. Already I can hear the schoolgirls scream, and adopt the new and charming habit of giving the boy flowers. Will Wimbledon let him play in his cut-off jeans? Even if they don't, I am sure he will love it there, waving, blowing kisses, showboating, applauding his opponents: the whole bag of tricks is just waiting for what is perhaps the finest stage in sport, the centre court.

Agassi has delayed and delayed his entrance, rather like Tartuffe in the Molière play. But the frightening thing about Agassi is that he is no hypocrite: he seems to me to be perfectly genuine. If he were a stick of rock, it would say *nice* all the way through him.

He is ranked No. 4 in the world, has won six tournaments, and is only 18. He has inoffensively long hair, and looks like a nice rich kid playing a friendly tennis game: loser buys the sodas.

He is described as a toxic American tennis needs. But the point is not that it is pleasant to have him around after those terrible old rascals, Connors and McEnroe. The point is that he is an American winner. His ability is what counts. His niceness is a bonus.

Naivety genuine and charming

In the United States, the definition of international sport is a game in which America beats the rest of the world. An American map of the world shows 50 states, and a few offshore islands like Europe and Russia. When the little islands of Germany and Australia kept winning, American enthusiasm for tennis declined sharply.

In comes the comely Agassi, a fine player and a natural star, and interest soars again. World tennis heaves a sigh of relief: it needs a strong America: it likes the dollars. Naturally, people are looking for flaws in Agassi. Some say his showboating puts pressure on him. "These guys don't realize, I don't make an effort to keep these things up," he said.

It is not an act: it is the real thing. His naivety is both genuine and charming: "I just keep in mind what's good for tennis," he said. "I like to make jokes, entertain the crowd. I think it makes a better environment for everybody." He is a born-again Christian, but he seems to wear this without undue awkwardness. He is not one of those fellows that thinks that because he is virtuous, there will be no more cakes, ale and racket-throwing. "I'll have *more moments* when I get upset. A few years down the road, we'll see," he said.

You ask any athlete if he sees himself as a role model, and you get a negative answer: I just play football/run on the track/play my shots. Do you see yourself as a role model, Andre?

Best type of clay court player

"*Definitely*. That's what it's all *about*. Making an impact on people's lives." Partly this is the born-again Christian speaking, partly it is the showman's desire to present his personality to the public. The obvious aspect of his personality really is his niceness.

His tennis is remarkable for its power: he fetches the ball the most awful wipe. That forehand of his cracks like a whip. It is not physical power, it is timing. "Strength is important, and I'm kinda waiting on that. I need to get that man-strength – you'll never see a boy ranked No. 1."

Whether the sensational two-year-old will train on as a classic-winning three-year-old remains to be seen, but the promise is enormous. You ask his brother-in-law, a chap called Pancho Gonzales. "Potentially he is the best type of clay-court player that I could imagine. As the courts get faster, I think this counts against him. But already he is making some of the most remarkable tennis shots I have ever seen, and there is no reason why he can't improve.

Meanwhile, Agassi ambles about the court in his denim shorts, smacks the fur off the ball with every shot, and smiles an awful lot. His every move seems to ask the question: "Pressure? What pressure?" He really is a rather remarkable fellow.

Cold comfort for Cram

By Steven Downes

A Spanish physiotherapist and an ice pack could prove to be the two factors that have kept alive Steve Cram's hopes of competing in the Seoul Olympics.

Cram, one of the favourites for a medal at 800 and 1,500 metres at the Games, pulled up with a suspected muscle tear near the Achilles tendon in his right leg when racing in Rieti, Italy, on Wednesday night. First reports suggested the European 1,500 metres champion would have to miss as many as 10 days of training, but yesterday the athlete was much less pessimistic.

Prompt attention from Miguel Mustapha, the Spanish physiotherapist, helped to limit the damage by encasing the injured leg in ice. Mustapha is coach to José-Luis Gonzales, the Spaniard who beat Cram in the European Cup 1,500 metres last year, a race which signalled the start of the mile world record-holder's unhappiest season. Now he may have helped Cram back on his competitive feet.

Cram had been complaining about the niggling injury to his calf for a number of weeks "It's one of those things you expect," he said. In Rieti, he stopped to prevent doing any irreparable damage. "There was no point in taking any risks," he said. Cram returned to Newcastle yesterday to see a doctor to find out the exact seriousness of the injury. "I will be lying if I did not admit it is a worry," Cram said, "but I hope to be back training this weekend."

Cram has by no means been free of injury problems in his career, although he remains optimistic. "I always do well in the years I get an injury."

The calf problems which held back his preparation before his world championship year of 1983, or which delayed his racing programme in 1984 when he won an Olympic silver medal, however, came earlier in the season, and assisted Cram by saving his best form for the major events. This time, he has just a weekend at home before he leaves with most of the athletics team to the Minet holding camp in Nihon, Japan.

It will be there that he will have to make a judgement on his fitness before the team declaration deadline on Wednesday. There is, of course, a long queue of athletes with the potential to step into Cram's place should he withdraw, led by Adrian Passey, third in the 1500 metres trials, and Tony Morrell and Steve Heard, who have good claims on an 800 metres berth. None, of course, would wish to gain their Olympic vest in such circumstances.

Nor would any replacement, bar one, have a medal chance as good as Cram. The exception, Sebastian Coe, the Olympic 1500 metres champion who was rejected by the British selection process, would be an obvious choice as replacement, at least at 800 metres where he is the second fasted Briton, behind Cram, this year.

After placing third in the 1500 metres at Rieti, Coe has now gone to Switzerland for further training. He is also to see a specialist about the chest condition which affected him at last month's trials and from which he is still suffering

Davenport submits request for transfer

By Ian Ross

Peter Davenport, the Manchester United forward, yesterday said that he wished to sever his ties with Old Trafford.

Davenport, disappointed at his inability to keep a regular first-team place, submitted a transfer request to Alex Ferguson, the United manager. He has yet to hear whether the club's directors will allow him to leave.

Davenport joined United from Nottingham Forest in March 1985 and if he is allowed to leave there is a distinct possibility that he could return to the City Ground, where he established his reputation as a goalscorer.

Davenport played as a winger when he came on as a substitute in Monday's Mercantile Credit Centenary Trophy quarter-final game against Everton but he is adamant that his best position is as a forward.

"My best position is definitely centre forward and that is the role I want to be considered for. I am now 27 and I believe that I have the best years of my career ahead of me. I am not prepared to sit around and await a chance as I have done in the past," Davenport said. He was named as a substitute 13 times last season.

"I want first-team football. I could have joined West Ham United last season but I turned them down because I felt that I had a future at Old Trafford. I will now consider anything. I have two years of my contract left to run but, at the moment, that seems like a life sentence. All I want is a fair crack of the whip."

Ferguson would only say that all his thoughts were being concentrated on tomorrow's game against Liverpool at Anfield.

Ferguson will delay announcing his team until shortly before the kick-off but he is likely to recall Anderson, McGrath and Duxbury, all of whom have recovered from injuries.

Kenny Dalglish, the Liverpool manager, also seems destined to play a waiting game. Rush did not play in last night's reserve team match against West Bromwich Albion, as had been widely anticipated, and now seems certain to face United.

Molby, who has been playing in the centre of defence in the absence of the injured Hansen, is likely to have recovered from a foot injury.

Ballesteros a mite too smooth for his rivals

From Mel Webb
Crans-sur-Sierre
Switzerland

It was a funny sort of day in the first round of the Ebel European Masters here yesterday, a day when the family saloons almost kept up with the best of the Rolls-Royces. Ian Woosnam got sand in his tank on the home straight and Sandy Lyle got himself comprehensively lost.

The motoring allusion will not be lost on Bill McColl; he almost came to an untimely end at the hands of a road hog when driving to play in the Italian Open earlier in the season but recovered to take the lead. There were no such near-misses for the Scot this time, however, and his round of 66 put him in joint second place with the similarly modest figure of Jimmy Heggarty, of Northern Ireland.

In normal circumstances both men would be happy enough with their performances, but in this instance they can take little comfort from the fact that, revving gently but purposefully in front of them at the lights, is one Severiano Ballesteros.

Ballesteros has now won three tournaments in succession, and only the brave or the foolhardy would bet against him making it four after a round that contained power and precision in almost equal measure.

With the foehn howling down off the Alps, conditions were not easy when Ballesteros went on to the course after lunch. It was not long, though, before the hills were alive with the sound of falling birdies. He had five going out, four coming back, with a bogey in each half the only flaws in a round of 65. Nick Faldo, in a group two strokes behind, has made another change to his swing, this time on the greens. He is, he says, trying to "give it a bit of a pop". He popped pretty effectively in his 67.

Woosnam, meanwhile, was almost as happy after 16 holes as Ballesteros was after 18. He was six under par at that point, and looked set for something special after unleashing an enormous drive on the 17th. It was here that things went badly wrong. His ball came to a halt just short of a greenside bunker, where the Welshman found that the machine that had been used to rake the bunker had left more sand on the fairway than in the hazard. Woosnam, with a shot suddenly transformed from easy to tricky, failed to make the green, and ended up with a bogey five.

Feeling "cheated", Woosnam made a mess of the last, too, duck-hooking into trees off the tee and ultimately dropping another shot. On 68, he still cannot be discounted, however.

Lyle, on the other hand, probably can. Nothing went right for him as he meandered to a miserable 76. Can he survive the cut? Typically philosophical, Lyle said: "If it happens, it happens." He is now 11 shots behind Ballesteros. It is not likely to happen.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES (GB and Ireland unless stated): 65: S Ballesteros (Sp). 66: W McColl, J Heggarty. 67: W Riley (Aus), D Feherty, A Saavedra (Arg), J-M Canizares (Sp), B Lane, N Faldo, A Forsbrand (Swe), E Nobilo (NZ). 68: J Rutledge (US), M Calero (Sp), R McFarlane, M Mouland, D J Russell, C Mason, G Brand Jnr, M Harwood (Aus), C Montgomerie, C Moody, M Adcock (US), M Calcavecchia (US).

Card of the course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	519	5	10	396	4
2	432	4	11	213	3
3	185	3	12	386	4
4	499	4	13	207	3
5	355	4	14	575	5
6	325	4	15	514	5
7	317	4	16	328	4
8	186	3	17	355	4
9	634	5	18	382	4
Out	3,455	36	In	3,356	36

Total yardage: 6,811 Par: 72

SPORT IN BRIEF

Baddeley in upset

Steve Baddeley, of England, recovered from a set down to pull off the first upset of the badminton World Cup when he beat Icuk Sugiarto 7-15, 15-10, 15-7 in Bangkok yesterday.

Baddeley played numerous drop-shots to neutralize the Indonesian's strength on the smash. He and Sugiarto share identical records of one win and one defeat in their round-robin group, which is led by China's Zhao Jianhua, the holder, with two wins.

Benefit grant

Roland Butcher, the Middlesex cricketer, and Phil Bainbridge, the Gloucestershire vice-captain, have been granted benefits next year.

Mobil divorce

Mobil will end its 10-year deal to supply fuel and lubricants to Williams grand prix engineering at the end of this Formula One season. The agreement allows Williams to enter a contract with Renault to use a new engine in 1989.



Easter: has Seoul clearance

Easter present

Paul Easter, the Olympic freestyle swimmer, was yesterday cleared to travel with the British team to Seoul after recovering from the chest injury sustained at a training camp in France last month.

Team discord

Khalid Mehmud, the manager of Pakistan's Olympic hockey team, resigned yesterday following a disagreement with selectors over the squad for Seoul. He was appointed five weeks ago. Islahuddin, the former Pakistan captain, was named his replacement.

Dickie blow

A bloody cut to the left eyebrow cost Robert Dickie his World Boxing Council international super-heavyweight title at Stoke-on-Trent on Wednesday night. He was stopped in the sixth round

Easing pain

A nation-wide appeal launched by accountants Grant Thornton raised £238,672 towards Britain's Olympic medical back-up at Seoul.

Elliott unsure

Malcolm Elliott, the winner of the Tour of Britain, begins the Tour of Catalonia cycling race today unsure of which team he will represent next season. The Sheffield professional, now with Fagor, is unlikely to know until next week.

Bank backing

The Barbarians' match against the touring Australian rugby union team at Cardiff on November 26 will be sponsored by the Royal Bank of Scotland for around £50,000.

Hint of a firm line on Gooch

From Javed Akhtar
Bombay

N. K. P. Salve, a former president of the Indian Board of Control for Cricket, yesterday accused the English cricket authorities with "dragging their feet on the South African issue."

Salve, who holds cabinet rank in the Indian Government as chairman of the finance commission, hinted that the Government might be prepared to be "very firm this time," following the announcement that Graham Gooch had been selected to lead England's side on a tour due to start in December.

He said it was not just a question of Gooch but of other players to be named in the touring party next week who might also be on the United Nations blacklist.

Australian tour reverts to three-day matches

Four-day cricket, the staple diet of Australia's first-class cricketers, is off the menu for their tour of England next summer.

When the Australians last toured in 1985, they played eight four-day matches against the counties, but next year they want to play three-day games in an effort to give every member of their party enough practice.

Announcing the 1989 tour itinerary yesterday, Tim Lamb, the Test and County Cricket Board's secretary of cricket, said: "There are bound to be interruptions because of the weather, so they would prefer to play two games in a week and not just one."

As with the previous two Australian tours of England (1981 and 1985), there will be six Test matches at all the main venues and three one-day internationals.

ITINERARY: May 7: Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk's XI, Arundel; May 9: Sussex; May 11: MCC; May 13-15: Wales; May 17-19: Somerset; May 20-22: Middlesex; May 23: Yorkshire; May 25: England, Old Trafford(one-day International); May 27: England, Trent Bridge(one-day international); May 29: England, Lord's(one-day international); May 31-Jun 2: Lancashire or Warwickshire; Jun 3-6: Derbyshire; Jun 8-13: England, Headingley (first Test); Jun 14-16: Warwickshire or Lancashire; Jun 17-19: Northamptonshire; Jun 22-27: England, Lord's (second Test); Jun 28: Combined Universities, Oxford; July 1-3: Glamorgan; July 6-11: England, Edgbaston (third Test); July 15: Scotland; July 17: Minor Counties, Trowbridge; July 19-21: Hampshire; July 22-24: Gloucestershire; July 27-Aug 1: England, Old Trafford (fourth Test); Aug 2-4: Nottinghamshire or Surrey; Aug 5-7: Leicestershire; Aug 10-16: England, Trent Bridge (fifth Test); Aug 18-19: Kent or Sussex; Aug 19-21: Essex; Aug 24-29: England, Oval (sixth Test).

● Rain prevented any play yesterday between Essex, the only side in contention for the county championship playing in the present round of matches, and Surrey at the Oval and it will require two carefully thought-out declarations today if a positive result is to be achieved.

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